



DOG PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Committee Members Present:

- Tom Gillispie, Chair
- Clare Siska
- Fred Kinch

Committee Members Absent:

- Karen Martin
- Nadia Byrnes

Other Attendees:

- Jeff Bergart
- Joe Will
- Dennis Dale
- Cathy Fochtman

Chair Tom Gillispie called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

I. New Business/Old Business Updates

1. Sewer Extension Update

- Tom G has learned that bids are coming back and indications are that they may be workable but no firm decisions yet. Town representatives are in touch with the State and are working on the issue. Tom believes the AHA needs an answer by the end of May.

2. Open Space & Recreation Plan

- Karen Martin has submitted the ADPC's comments on the OSRP to the working group.
- The committee unanimously approved Karen's drafted letter of endorsement to the OSRP working group with minor edits.

3. Other

- Assistant Town Manager Thom Begin has requested financial documentation, invoices paid and anticipated, ASAP as the Town closes out its fiscal year. Dennis Dale will prepare these to the best of his knowledge & ability due to the uncertainty of the project at this stage.

- Tom G has the general sense that Thom B wants us to keep things moving.
- Jeff B has been attending Acton Housing Authority Meetings and has learned that:
 - The AHA has also received bids for a septic system and the difference between septic and sewer costs has been surprisingly non-substantial.
 - Kelley Cronin is stepping down as Executive Director of the AHA. Melissa Bible, currently Assistant Executive Director, will assume the Executive Director Role.
 - Kelley will step into the role of Project Manager for the McManus Manor Housing Development.
 - The AHA has selected a contractor for McManus Manor and is working out construction cost details.

II. Regular Business

1. Updates:

- Members of the Friends and the ADPC had a table at Goward Playground's 10th anniversary party and collected \$78 in donations. Next event scheduled is July 14 at the Acton-Boxborough Farmer's Market.
- The Friends of ACDP are making good progress towards 501(c)(3) status. The 501(c) (3) documents are being actively assessed, and they will be setting a date for the initial board meeting.
- Communications – awaiting solid news on the sewer extension before sending out further communications.

III. Old Business

1. Approval of minutes of Wednesday, April 10, 2024 was deferred to the next meeting.

IV. Schedule Future Business

1. Next ADPC meetings - Wednesdays, June 12 & 26, 2024, 7 PM, virtual, with the possibility of meeting sooner if needed (pending sewer extension status and approval to go out to bid).

V. Residents' Concerns

1. None

VI. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Clare Siska
Member, Acton Dog Park Committee