



DOG PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, December 23, 2024, 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Committee Members Present:

- 🐾 Tom Gillispie, Chair
- 🐾 Karen Martin, Vice-chair
- 🐾 Clare Siska
- 🐾 Fred Kinch
- 🐾 Nadia Byrnes

Other Attendees:

- 🐾 Thom Begin
- 🐾 Joe Will
- 🐾 Cathy Fochtman

Chair Tom Gillispie called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

I. New Business/Old Business Updates

1. Review of construction bids and next steps

- Eight bids were received, with a high bid of \$740K. A low bid of \$338,900 by Woodall Construction (based in Norfolk, MA) will be formally accepted. This bid falls within funds in hand and includes the main park components as well as the stormwater management infrastructure for the Senior Park.
- Stanton has confirmed \$250K construction grant.
- Great feedback received from others who have worked with them.
- Thom B anticipates the contract will be signed by December 31, 2024
- An accounting analysis will need to be done to determine which items come out of which funding sources.
- WDA is wrapping up their design work; construction timing dependent on this and when Onyx will complete the sewer project / clear out of the space. Town Engineering Department is involved.
- A follow-up conversation will also need to take place with the Water District regarding the water hookup.
- Noted that the NOI includes not what we must do but what we are allowed to do.

- Clare S. asked that we confirm with Stanton, at the appropriate time, whether we are still eligible for capital improvement grants as they are sunsetting the dog park grant program.

2. FBO Work

- Clare S showed a sample solar light designed specifically for chain link fences, however, they are not likely to meet the zoning guidelines for outdoor lights. More research on solar lights is needed.

II. Regular Business

1. Updates:

- Public communications on hold until contract is secured and committee approves moving ahead with announcements.
- There were no updates from the Friends or regarding the McManus Manor project.
- Selectboard is deep into budget work.
- Dean Charter has pulled papers to run for re-election in 2025.

III. Old Business

1. Approval of minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

IV. Schedule Future Business

1. Next ADPC meetings - Wednesday, January 8, 2024, 7 PM, virtual.

V. Residents' Concerns

1. None

VI. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clare Siska

Member, Acton Dog Park Committee