

Dog Park Feasibility Study Committee Meeting
September 18, 2018
Select Board Meeting Room

Attendees:

Susanne Jarnryd
Tom McKean
Deborah Richardson
Don Shobry
Kate Stout
Anne Umphrey
Jeff Young

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 PM. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The committee discussed the presentation of the report to the Select Board. Their comments were uniformly positive. They asked the committee to include Jeff's survey. Since it is quite lengthy in its entirety, we will decide exactly how we will incorporate it into the report at a later point in time. For the time being, we will simply copy the pages of Jeff's survey that were referenced in the report and add them to the copies that we distribute.

We then discussed publicity for the town hearing, which will be on November 13. Erin Stevens, Public Information Officer for the Town of Concord, can put posters at official Town locations. Jeff will get her posters. Erin will also post notices on the Town's social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram), and the news and notices distribution list.

CCTC, which will become Minute Man Network, will put a bulletin on the network, and the public hearing will be televised.

Kate will post a notice of the hearing on the Next Door and Egg Rock websites. Jeff will post it on Facebook. We will put up posters in public places like we did last time. Kate will give Don copies to distribute to the libraries and the Town House.

The public hearing will be a review of the Dog Park Feasibility Study Report. We will give an overview of the report and answer questions. We will need an easel and the ability to project computer images in making the presentation and capturing feedback.

We assigned the following responsibilities for the public hearing.

- Tom suggested we start with the charge, present the executive summary, and then back it up with individual presentations.

- Anne will give an introduction, which will include mentions of and thanks to the town staff who met with us, and also speak to the charge as she did at the last public hearing.
- Kate and Susanne will put together the PowerPoint presentation for the review of the sites. It will have an opening slide, slides on the review of sites, a PowerPoint slide on costs, and a closing slide with the conclusions as bullet points.
- Susanne is responsible for questions on the properties
- Bob is responsible for questions on the survey.
- Deborah will be the scribe.
- Depending how the hearing goes, Tom suggested we explore the topic of a committee to coordinate dog issues and represent dog recreational interests.

Kate will have copies of the charge and summary to distribute, and Jeff will email the report to his list of dog owners and post it on his website.

Anne ran into Ryan Kane and he expressed his willingness to work with dog owners. Also, there is an opportunity for dog owners to provide input to the landscape architects working on design concepts for the Gerow property.

Our next meeting is on October 24 at 5:30 at a location to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20.