

Town of North Hampton New Hampshire
North Hampton Dog Park Committee
Notice of Public Meeting
6:30 PM Thursday, March 22th, 2018
Mary B. Herbert Conference Room; 233 Atlantic Avenue

FINAL

Call to order

Pat McLean called to order the meeting of the Dog Park Committee at 6:35pm.

Attendees: Pat Mclean, John Dover, Paige Libbey, Colin Smith, Amanda Jonovski, Meredith Vallee, Willow Foley, Marlane Bernardo

Not Present: Philip Thayer, Ronni Martin, Casey Dupuis, Valerie Gamache, Jalisa Bush, Michael Trotta

Approval of minutes from February 18th, 2018

Minutes were reviewed. Suggestions and corrections were discussed. Pat will make approved corrections and updates and submit the final minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes; made by Amanda. Seconded by Willow. Unanimously accepted.

Agenda / Outstanding items / New Business

1. Pat reported that the Select Board was very supportive! We can continue to move forward and advertise for a "donation" of land for the use as a dog park. Pat did a great job in presenting and representing the efforts of the committee.

2. The committee discussed that April is the deadline of when residents register their pets. Fees are \$10 dollars for an unaltered pet. \$7.50 for altered and \$2.00 for senior citizens. There are approx. 900 dogs in North Hampton.

About \$1.00 stays with the town - the rest goes to the state/county.

3. Media - Where are we at:

3.1 Facebook: Amanda brought up the point that we do not yet have wording or statements ready. What if we get questions/criticism/request for more information? We should have specific replies and thought out answers. We do not yet have someone that is available to monitor the page.

The committee agreed that we are "not ready" to launch the Facebook page. This will be revisited at a later date.

4. Land Donation/Request:

4.1 A donation of land will need to be made "For Purpose of Establishing a Dog Park". As opposed to "conservation land" which generally will have more restrictions placed on use.

4.2 Pat is going to research "What are the benefits (for tax purposes) of donating land". (Connect with Bryan Kaenrath/Town Administrator). Assuming the land comes from a residential owner - it will need to be donated to the town - for use as a dog park. We need to be able to clearly state the benefits to the donator. (Tax Benefits etc).

4.3 The committee briefly discussed the area next to the library.

4.4 The committee also discussed the area past the community gardens.

Willow asked if we knew where the lot lines are? Could the folks at Woodes Kennel be of any assistance in determining where it is? Is there the potential for an entrance and parking? (A separate entrance/parking from the main road would help to keep the garden club from being disturbed).

5. The Flyer was reviewed by the committee

5.1 John asked: What is the process for contacting the Dog Park Committee? Email address.

5.2 Paige asked: Should the flyer ask people to "sign-up" for more info? No not yet.

5.2 The following updates will be made to the flyer by Amanda:

- a) Casey will manage the email address that is listed
- b) Remove Facebook info
- c) increase size to 2-3 acres (this includes Parking)

Jon made the motion to accept these changes; Paige and Willow Seconded the motion. The vote to accept these updates and make them a part of the flyer was unanimous by the committee.

5.3 When ready - the committee will be posting "The Flyer" around the North Hampton area. Each of us will make copies and keep a listing of where we post. Examples of locations: The Juice Box, Shaws, Christine's, Summer Sessions, local restaurants, shopping centers, the North Hampton Friday Folder, the library, Seacoastonline.com

5.4 Amanda is able to provide the committee with variations of the flyer/digital etc. She will ask Susan B. at town hall if we can place a flyer; And if Susan is able to share the dog registration list. There may be privacy issues with this - can't hurt to ask.

6. The suggestion of a donation letter was made by Pat.

Paige made a motion that the committee needs to craft a letter. Seconded by Colin. Unanimously accepted by the committee.

6.1 The committee agreed that we need a well written letter that can be sent out to potential donors.

6.2 Examples of potential donors: Woodes Kennel, Runneymeade Farms, Throwback Brewery
Others TBD

6.3 The letter needs to include: Who we (the committee) are.

What the committee's vision is for the dog park
(a place for the community!)

Contact info and benefits of donation

6.4 Pat volunteered to draft the letter. Pat requests that committee members provide her with suggestions, wording and key points to include in the letter. A draft of the letter will be brought before the committee for review.

7. We will continue to seek ways to interact with the business community. Networking helps us to make valuable connections and spread the word about the dog park and what we need.

7.1 Marlane will contact the North Hampton Business Assoc. Willow will contact 603 Networking/Seacoast Chapter. (there is a meeting on April 10th) as well as checking with Timberland. Seacoast United was also mentioned.

Several members indicated that they would be willing to attend/help with presentations: Jon, Meredith, Marlane, Colin, Willow.

7.2 Meredith is also checking with her father who is an Accountant about the potential of a 501 3c status. Non-profit status might help us in fundraising/donations.

The Next Meeting Will Take Place on April 5th @ 6:30pm and will be posted.

At 7:50pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paige.

Jon and Meredith Seconded; The committee unanimously agreed to adjourn.