

Town of North Hampton New Hampshire
North Hampton Dog Park Committee
Notice of Public Meeting
6:30 PM Thursday, July 11, 2019
Mary B. Herbert Conference Room; 233 Atlantic Avenue

DRAFT

Call to order

Pat McLean called to order the meeting of the Dog Park Committee at 6:32pm.

Attendees: Pat Mclean, Casey Dupuis, Paige Libbey, Amanda Jonovski, Michael Trotta, Anne Nettleton, Jalisa Bush, Ronni Martin

Not Present: John Dover, Meredith Vallee, Philip Thayer

Approval of minutes from 6.27.19:

Minutes were reviewed. No changes were to be made.

Motion to approve the minutes; made by Casey. Seconded by Pat.

The committee unanimously agreed to approve.

AGENDA

Tick Talk

Old Home Day

T-Shirt/Bandana Designs and Sales

Mailing Results / Land Inquiries

Yappy Hour

Other Business

1. Tick Talk

- Per last meeting, the committee decided that Pat should introduce the committee and event speakers- briefly sharing our mission, vision and current goals. Pat spoke to Susan and received approval to do so.
- Paige shared that she made the Facebook event and asked everyone to continue to share and invite friends to it.
- Casey distributed copies of the updated flyer for members to take and hang up around town. She also passed around copies of the handouts/infographics that will be available for attendees at the event.
- Alexa volunteered to provide napkins and cups for the event. Casey volunteered to make lemonade with ice and bring it in a dispenser. Several other committee members volunteered to bring light refreshments (see last minutes from last meeting).

2. Old Home Day

August 10th 2019 – 9:00am-2:00pm

- Members of the committee who have attended Old Home Day in the past shared the logistics of how this event is set up and what takes place.
- Pat shared that Joe Manzi emailed her suggesting we set up our table in the “kid event” area **at North Hampton School**, as he thinks this area will have a better turnout with more visibility. The committee appreciated his advice and agreed that it would be in our best interest to set up in the suggested area.
 - o Pat shared that she spoke with Joe about selling “Dog Park Supporter” merchandise at the event with proceeds going to the Friends of the North Hampton Dog Park. She also asked if we would be allowed to have a single-item raffle, again with proceeds going to the Friends of the North Hampton Dog Park. Joe said that neither would be a problem.
- The committee discussed and decided that at the event, we will set up a table with a raffle, the pop-up tent, our banner, as well as the doggie kissing booth.
 - o The raffle will be for two-tickets to Story Land. Casey will make a small sign stating that this is the item being raffled.
 - o Roni made a motion to use the same raffle ticket prices (and sign listing the prices) as we used for past fundraising events. Michael seconded. Paige reminded the committee of the decision from last meeting that every purchase of a t-shirt/bandana will include a free raffle ticket.
- Committee members signed up for shifts to work the event. See attached.

3. PayPal

- Per last meeting, the committee voted to purchase a card reader for t-shirt, bandana and/or raffle ticket sales. Casey shared two options for the card/chip reader:
 - o [PayPal Chip and Swipe Reader](#) – \$24.99
 - o [PayPal Chip and Tap Bundle](#) – \$79.99 (the main difference here being able to “tap” to pay)

- Casey made a motion to go with the first option, the \$24.99 Chip and Swipe Reader. Amanda seconded. The committee unanimously agreed. Casey will purchase and set up the card reader with the PayPal account.

For direct donations to the Friends of the North Hampton Dog Park, unrelated to purchasing “Dog Park Supporter” merchandise (t-shirts/bandanas), the following link to the PayPal Giving Fund is now active. It can be used/shared to anyone interested in donating to the Friends of the North Hampton Dog Park:

<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3633632>

For anyone interested in learning more about the PayPal Giving Fund platform, the following link provides numerous answers to frequently asked questions:

<https://www.paypal.com/us/webapps/mpp/givingfund/help-contact>

4. T-Shirt/Bandana Designs and Sales

- Amanda showed the committee her designs for t-shirts and bandanas. The designs were all drawn from scratch personally by Amanda. Due to her freelance design career, she noted that she was willing to donate the design to be used on up to 500 bandanas with the condition that we check with her for design revisions for anything above that level of production.
- Bandanas: The bandanas were designed to be versatile- no matter how you wear them, the main design will still be visible. The committee was ecstatic with how the design turned out and expressed their sincere appreciation for Amanda taking the time to do this.
- T-Shirts: Amanda presented two designs: A + B
 - o The committee discussed and reviewed both designs. Roni made a motion to pursue Design A with discussed revisions (changing the wording from “I Support the North Hampton Dog Park” to “North Hampton Dog Park Supporter”. Anne seconded, with the committee unanimously agreeing. Amanda will update the verbiage on the bandanas to match.
- Amanda will make a mock-up design/graphic for the committee to use for promotional purposes. Amanda will also reach out to Cactus Graphics regarding the design specifics, materials used and printing technicalities to ensure there is no confusion.
- Paige shared the recommended t-shirt size distribution ratio she received from Cactus Graphics. The committee then discussed and agreed upon a revised distribution, eliminating any order of XXL shirts. If the t-shirt sales are a success/if there is a lot of interest, they will reevaluate size distribution should a second order need to be placed.

All sizes are for “Unisex/Men’s” T-shirts.

Cactus Graphics Recommendation				
S	M	L	XL	XXL
5	15	15	10	5

Committee 1 st Order Final Decision				
S	M	L	XL	XXL
5	17	17	11	0

5. Mailing Results / Land Inquiries

- Paige shared detailed plans of each plot of land that owners reached out to us about after receiving our mailing. See below.
- Pat will reach out to Phillip to gauge if he has any knowledge of these plots of land.
- The committee discussed the potential future costs associated with each plot of land based on a variety of factors.
- The committee discussed next steps and how to respond to each of the land owners that reached out to us. Paige and Casey will respond to all emails accordingly and will report back any updated or additional information received.

Paige Shared the following information regarding the responses to the postcard that was sent out to vacant land owners and discussed the possibilities of using these parcels of land:

The first four parcels are landlocked, and unfortunately landlocked parcels that are inaccessible and located out in the woods would not be a feasible option. Paige suggested we come up with a respectful response to these inquiries in order to leave our “options” open, for example in case a second land owner contacts us with land adjacent to those properties and it becomes accessible. The committee agreed and discussed points to mention in our responses.

For each property, Paige created a folder including a tax map with the property highlighted, a tax card, a printout of the email we received as well as 1-2 GIS maps. The purple blobs shown on some of these maps represent “wetlands” from the National Wetlands Inventory. In Paige’s experience, these are not always correct and if we had the wetlands delineated by a wetland scientist they might come up with something quite different.

Paige showed the wetlands on these maps anyways for the purpose of keeping in mind that only some of the property may be unusable. She said that in some cases wetlands are very obvious and can be distinguished just by looking at the aerial photo of the land. For some of these parcels, that is the case. However, unfortunately sometimes they are not as obvious and the only way to accurately determine this is to have the wetlands delineated by a professional. Paige shared a few indicators to look for if one was to walk the property, but clarified that she is by no means an expert. Additionally, she shared that the town has a wetland map from 2017 which shows a different wetland than the national wetland inventory, and in some cases less wetland, which is a good sign.

Paige shared the following descriptions of each landlocked property:

Landlocked / Unusable Right Now (as of 7.11.19):

Map 2 Lot 73 – Irma Pierce

This is one of the odd strips of land out behind Atlantic Ave between Woodland Road and Mill Road. Paige’s assumption is that these were originally portioned off this way for farming purposes but does not know for

certain. She said that the aerial image did not show initial signs of wetlands, but either way, we would not be able to directly access the property from a road so we would not be able to use it. It may also be too narrow for a dog park even if it was accessible, and would require an excessive amount of tree clearing to access.

Map 3 Lot 30 – Marjorie Black (contacted by her attorney Bob Casassa)

This one is definitely unusable for two reasons – First, it is landlocked out behind Mill Road so it is not accessible. Second, based on the aerial image, she pointed out sure signs that the area is entirely wetland due to being located adjacent to a tidal river.

Map 12 Lot 72 – Carolyn Parkhurst (contacted by relative Dale Gagnon)

This one is landlocked out behind Woodland Road close to the Rye border. Based on the aerial image, it does not appear to be obvious wetland, but we still cannot access it and would be unable to use unless another land adjacent became available.

This plot of land abuts many properties owned by Richard Skowronski on Mill Road. This is the man that Paige previously brought up as currently owning several plots of land that her grandma used to own in this very town. He currently owns 100+ acres of land in North Hampton. Paige emailed him to see if he would be willing to help us by giving us access to Carolyn's property or if he has any property he'd be willing to sell, etc. He is an inventor and has a pet product company, among other companies. He also got a conservation subdivision of his property approved in 2009 which he never built. Based on this, he appears to be a pet lover, interested in developing his land as well as conserving parts of it.

He has yet to respond to Paige, so she is assuming it's a no go but if he ever does reply and has land he is willing to give us or if he'd let us have access through his property this could be a potential lead later on. At the end of the day, even if we could get access to Carolyn's land through his property though, it would require major tree clearing to get there, so using his land instead could potentially be a more realistic option.

Map 21 Lot 29 – Joan, Breen & Denise Grenier-Winther (contacted by relative Susan Grenier)

This parcel is landlocked out in the woods behind North Road, Highland Ave and Route 1. It is near the rail bed and the Coakley Landfill. A large portion of it looks like upland from the aerial image but there is no access to it from the road, making it currently unusable. Even if we could access it, it would require major tree clearing to get there.

Possibilities:

Map 18 Lot 21 – Kristen Statires

1.5 Acres

This one is a possibility. It is on Cherry Road, off of Post Road. Two issues – 1. It is located in a residential neighborhood on a small side street. Depending how much upland there is we could hopefully provide a tree buffer to the neighbors. It also abuts the town recycle center so neighbors may be used to traffic, noise, etc. in the area and a dog park may seem harmless to them. 2. There may or may not be wetlands. The national wetland inventory shows a lot of wetlands on the property but the town wetland map shows NO wetlands which is promising. There is a pond on the abutting property which indicates there MAY be wetlands in the vicinity. The aerial does not look like an obvious wetland, but that does not mean it is not. Paige responded asking if the owner would be interested in selling or donating and has not heard back yet.

Map 3 Lot 77 – Rodney A. and Barbara E. Robinson Trust (contacted by relative Alan Robinson)

2.4 Acres

This one is a possibility as well. It is right on Mill Road between Pine Road and Atlantic Ave. It abuts the conservation trails behind Mill Road and Atlantic Ave, which could potentially provide access to the trails from the dog park parking lot which could be beneficial to the town. The owner has had this land in the family for 100+ years and is excited that it could possibly go toward the creation of a dog park. One issue is the national wetland inventory does show a lot of wetlands on the property and in the area. The town's wetland map shows LESS wetland than the national inventory which is a good sign. The aerial image does not appear to be obvious wetland, but that does not mean that it is not. Paige emailed the owner and asked if the property has ever been surveyed or had wetlands delineated and has not yet received a response. Paige does believe that there are some wetlands in the vicinity, so it would just be a matter of finding out if there is enough usable land for a dog park. A second issue is that this property is also located in a residential area. Paige hopes that the property would be big enough to keep a tree buffer between the park and the neighboring houses. This person would be interested in SELLING, not donating, and would be willing to negotiate a price if it came down to it.

6. Yappy Hour

- Paige shared that there was a Yappy Hour event happening at Smuttynose Brewery on the evening of Thursday, July 25th. Several committee members expressed interest in this event.
 - o Paige made a motion to attend this event and set up our usual table. Alexa seconded. The committee unanimously agreed.
 - o Casey recorded a list of committee members that volunteered to work the table.
- Paige mentioned an additional event, "Snouts out Sunday" happening at Smuttynose on Sunday, July 28th. The event is essentially the same as the Yappy Hour events, but based on committee member availability it was decided to pass on attending this event.

7. Other Business

- Paige shared that she spoke to Jan and successfully got our page on the town website updated, as discussed last meeting.
- Casey wrote a check to Pat, reimbursing her for the payment of the pop-up tent she purchased.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm; made by Amanda. Seconded by Jalisa.

The committee unanimously agreed to adjourn.

The Next Meeting Will Take Place on Thursday, August 15 @ 6:30pm.