

**Town of North Hampton New Hampshire**  
**North Hampton Dog Park Committee**  
Notice of Public Meeting  
6:30 PM Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Mary B. Herbert Conference Room; 233 Atlantic Avenue

**DRAFT**

**Call to order**

Casey Dupuis called to order the meeting of the Dog Park Committee at 6:38 pm

**Attendees:** Alexa Haley, Casey Dupuis, Paige Libbey, Michael Trotta, John Dover, Ronni Martin

**Absent:** Amanda Jonovski, Philip Thayer, Jalisa Bush, Pat Mclean, Anne Nettleton, Meredith Vallee,

**Approval of minutes from 8/22/19:**

Minutes were reviewed. No changes were to be made. Motion to approve the minutes; made by Paige. Seconded by John. The committee unanimously agreed to approve.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The night before the Scarecrow Festival there is a vendor reception from 6-8 and the money goes toward centennial hall. Alexa and Paige will be going to represent the committee.

Alexa sold two t-shirts to a member of the select board who was featured on Channel 22 wearing our t-shirt on October 17<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness in support of the committee.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Land update**

Pat attended the Rail trail meeting with NHDOT on Tuesday 9/24 at 6:30 pm at the Old Depot. There was representation from Hampton, North Hampton, Rye, and other local towns. The rail trail is 9.7 miles long, and the whole trail is considered to be “one project study” and the project needs to be completed before any work starts. Federal government is funding the project. When asked about use of dog park, no decision has been made, and there is a wait. A public dog park would be a good addition to the trail, and once a project manager is appointed pat will work with them on potential next steps. However, it is a project that could last for up to two years.

The group believes we should continue to actively pursue other options in the interim but we shouldn't be at a stand still waiting for the rail trail project. There are still two parcels of land that we need to look into. Phil replied and Mill road may be wetlands, we are looking into if it is possible to utilize that space. Paige working with two wetland scientists to define if it is good space along with the Cherry Road plot. We will also need to work with the town to verify if we can pursue those pieces of land and pursue a warrant article.

## Fundraising/ Events

Doggie Day in the Maze – 9/21 Saturday 10am-2pm Recap at Scamman Farm in Stratham

The set up was better than last year. It was a square of all different vendors. There were a lot of people that brought dogs. Will double check values for PayPal. Scamman farm invited us to another event this weekend, they were doing another dog adoption event, but it was too soon.

NHBA Scarecrow Festival – 10/19 Saturday 9am-1pm at North Hampton School

- Casey Paige and Alexa: 8:15 for set-up to 1pm
- Pat: 1:00 for the costume contest
- John: 1:00 for the costume contest

Dogs are not allowed at school so can't do costume contest there. The costume contest will be at the band stand instead. There will be 3 judges, one from our committee, one from band stand, one from business association. Dog costume contest begins at 1 at the band stand.

We will document photos for social media. We will see what the forecast is for that day if we need a tent. . Casey will print out instructions copies and laminate them. We will bring a second table for the activity. The committee is going to have a disclaimer sign alleviating liability, if they know their dog can't have the toy the disclaimer will be there. If not they can donate to the SPCA. Casey brought instructions of how to make braided dog toys, it will be a fun activity kids can take home and can donate it. We are not charging, but donations are accepted. Alexa will buy a donation jar this and for events going forward.

Christmas Parade – 12/7 Saturday 1pm in downtown Hampton

We can submit the group announcement when we are ready. We will invite our supporters to walk with us in the parade wearing our supporter t-shirt. We will start talking about the announcement more next meeting. More information was sent to Paige for rules and such for the parade. Dogs must be safely leashed and can't escape. We could dress animals as elves and then wear t-shirts under sweatshirts with Santa hats. Meredith may be good resource for good ideas. 3 miles march at a snail's pace. Starts at north Hampton bridge past downtown Hampton ends at town hall.

Announcement as of now:

*"The Elves have been busy at Joe's Restaurant, where families come to eat. The employees of Joe's are working with the Elves in Santa's Mobile Workshop building toys! You might catch some passing out Christmas Candy too! Have a Merry Christmas from Joe's Restaurant!"*

Community Oven Fundraiser - 11/11 5pm-9pm

For every pizza sold we get a percentage of the proceeds and they have it every Monday and the proceeds are tiered. We can decide on exact raffle items for this event next meeting. Tender pups NH makes custom bandanas for dogs wants to give us a couple items for the raffle.

### **Publications**

We were featured in the community board for the dog park!

### **USPS PO Box**

PO Box is ready to be utilized. In the next 30 days Paige and Casey will activate the PO box and then we will get a PO box number and new mailing address \$92 a year.

### **Selling T Shirts and Bandanas**

Alexa will start tracking inventory of t-shirts and bandanas and maintain sales data, and will update accordingly, since she holds the inventory, and will provide a report of those financials each meeting. Inventory management will be tied to PayPal to track sales. Pat will follow up to determine number that have been sold at In-Dog-Neato. We need to drop off bandanas at Woof There are 5 bandanas at the Beauty Pawlor.

### **Banner**

We still need pricing of banner from Amanda for next meeting. We agreed to get signatures on the banner prior to the Christmas parade we could carry it in the parade.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34; made by Paige. Seconded by John.

The committee unanimously agreed to adjourn.

Next meeting will be on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM