

Town of North Hampton New Hampshire

North Hampton Dog Park Committee

Notice of Public Meeting

6:30 PM Thursday, March 21, 2019

Meeting Room in Town Clerk's Office; 237 Atlantic Avenue

Final

Call to Order

Pat McLean called to order the meeting of the Dog Park Committee at 6:36pm.

Attendees: Pat Mclean, John Dover, Casey Dupuis, Anne Nettleton, Amanda Jonovski, and Paige Libbey.

Not Present:, Meredith Vallee, Michael Trotta, Ronni Martin, Jalisa Bush, and Phillip Thayer

Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2019

Minutes were reviewed. No changes were to be made.

Motion to approve the minutes made by John. Seconded by Paige.

The committee unanimously agreed to approve.

AGENDA

1. Town Activities
2. Land Options
3. Media Update
4. Go Fund Me and Banking
5. New Members
6. Mailings and Surveys

7. North Hampton Business Association

MINUTES

Town activities

- John to meet with senior group on Friday, March 22 at 9:30 AM
 - 20 Flyers from Paige to John
 - flyers still say “2+ acres” and committee agreed this messaging is outdated but its best to use the flyers already printed
 - Pat provided John with a print out of the committee mission statement and beliefs
 - Goals: be visible, increase awareness, let people know what the committee about
 - Anne suggested putting on back on flyer in future
- Pat with meet with Susan Grant, director of the library, next Wednesday to discuss committee’s involvement with the library and events
 - Therapy dog event-Pat can attend/support event
 - Future events for adults
- Town Calendar
 - Pat will reach out to Brian (director?) for committee to connect with Fire and Police Department on any events especially those dog specific ie. rabies clinic

Land Options

- Land on Atlantic Ave near Joe’s Meat Shop
 - Pat has reached out to Phil, no response yet from Phil or PanAm contact
 - Pat doesn’t want to contact airfield until land is more definitive
- Members of committee agreed it’s still worth engaging the airfield for a price and to keep communication lines open
 - Pat will reach out to airfield contact to see if there are any updates
- Casey/Paige noted large field on Lafayette near Betty’s Kitchen
 - Paige will pull tax map and review status of the land

Media update

- The article about the committee was not in the most recent Community News by mistake. The publication has promised the committee (via Casey) it will be in the next edition.

Town Activities (continued)

- Paige researched Hampton town events
 - Information on events is not as accessible online as North Hampton events

- Paige has a contact for the committee to participate in the Hampton Christmas parade
- Paige suggested participating in North Hampton Memorial Day parade and volunteering at BBQ after (Monday, May 27)
 - The committee was interested in attending/volunteering
- Paige noted the June 9 PAWS walk in Stratham
 - Paige will contact the event to see if the committee can have a table at the event
- Casey will research SPCA event calendars

Go fund me and banking

- Bank account needs to be switched before setting up Go Fund Me. Both Casey and Paige need to be in attendance and have not yet had the opportunity to do so.

New members

- Several people have reached out through social media expressing interest helping the dog park effort
 - Amanda, Pat, Casey listed requirements for new members
 - Review minutes
 - Attend the next meeting
 - Decide if they want to continue as a member (decision making) and/or be on list to help at future events
 - John expressed concerns
 - If everyone currently on committee attended meetings we would have a “full table”
 - The committee can make decisions more efficiently with smaller numbers (as compared to when the committee first started and had many more members)
 - Pat: a third option would be to let people know they are welcome to be part of events and volunteer but given the 1.5 year history of the committee, we are not looking for new members at this time
 - Amanda agreed with, will need lots of volunteers once we have identified/purchased land
 - Committee has kept list of people who have expressed interest in receiving updates on and/or volunteering for dog park events
- Paige: motion to not accept new members at this time but the committee will revisit the possibility the future, John seconded. The committee unanimously agreed.

Social Media Update

- Paige/Casey: No updates at this time, activity has been slow since the holidays

Mailings and Surveys

- Casey would like to revisit 2-sided postcard mailing to vacant lot owners
 - Paige: this way the committee would know we had contacted all vacant land owners
 - Paige: postcard should read that the committee is seeking to “acquire” rather than have land “donated”
 - Paige will get a quote and send size and thoughts on wording to Amanda who will then draft a design

North Hampton Business Association

- Casey has been in contact with a member of the board of directors
 - 2 meetings a month.
 - Second Tuesday of month at 8 am at Galley Hatch: more formal, 1 minute presentation (up to 10 minutes for external attendees).
 - Fourth Tuesday of month at 4 pm at Barley House: more social format.
- Committee agrees we should attend a formal meeting first and then a social meeting.
 - This would allow the committee to speak to different groups of people
- Next meetings: April 9, April 23
 - Pat: committee can distribute the same flyers and print-outs of mission statement/beliefs that John will be taking to Senior event
 - Amanda, John, and Casey can attend, Pat and Paige to check schedules and will contact each other
- Committee discussed what the group would present at the meeting.
 - Each committee member in attendance will introduce themselves and show a picture of their dog
 - Send Casey photo to print
 - Share stats about dogs and their positive impact on business
 - Present the committee’s mission and statement
 - Express that we are currently focused on awareness and would love to have the business association’s support in the future

Next Meeting – April 18 at 6:30 PM

7:36 PM John Motion to adjourn, Amanda seconded