

Town of North Hampton New Hampshire

North Hampton Dog Park Committee

Notice of Public Meeting

6:30 PM Thursday, April 5th, 2018

Mary B. Herbert Conference Room; 233 Atlantic Avenue

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Call to order

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

Attendees: Pat Mclean, Paige Libbey, Amanda Jonovski, Marlane Bernardo, Philip Thayer, Ronni Martin, Jalisa Bush, Valerie Gamache, Michael Trotta, Casey Dupuis, Anne Nettleton

Not Present: Valerie Gamache, John Dover, Colin Smith, Meredith Vallee, Willow Foley

Approval of minutes from March 22, 2018

Minutes were reviewed. Minor corrections were addressed.

Motion to approve the minutes; made by Casey. Seconded by Paige. Unanimously accepted.

Outstanding items and New Business

1. Pat will not be able to forward draft minutes this month. Marlane will send the draft minutes to ALL.
2. General discussion that it is very hard to find "The dog park committee" on the Town Gov. web site.
 - 2.1 Pat will follow up with Jan F. to get us listed under "Committees" - currently we are under "Select Board" and it's not easy to find.
3. Review of "Letter of Support". General discussion and revisions made. Pat will ask Bryan Kaenrath if we can also add the Town logo.
 - 3.1 Jalisa will send out a copy of the final letter to the committee as she made revisions on her computer.
 - 3.2 Paige will send out a copy of the list of potential donors; names; addresses.
4. General discussion continue regarding different areas around North Hampton that may be considered.
 - 4.1 Paige indicated that if someone has an idea or location -we can email her and she can look at the tax maps for more information. An area off of Post road near 95 / Lovering Road in the back of Sagamore Golf might be an option? Richard Luf and Ty Sanborne are the owners
 - 4.2 Can Phip speak with the Conservation Commission again regarding the area out past the gardens as the deed does indicate that recreation use is allowed. Is it possible to extend the gravel drive way down toward the back of the 11 acres (past the existing gravel parking)? That will circumvent any parking issue for the gardeners and place the dog park well away from them to the very back of the 11 acres.
 - 4.3 Pat made a motion that supports Phil working with the Conservation Commission on feasibility of new and prior locations which come up. Paige offered to work with Phil. Michael seconded this. The committee was unanimous in support of this.
 - 4.4 We will also need to work with John Hubbard - Dept of Public Works on trash removal.
 - 4.5 Brian K. town admin. Spoke with Pat regarding the tax write off to a potential donor. This would be calculated by the tax rolls/value of the land.

- 4.6 A larger piece of land - may require an independent assessment.
 - 4.7 A donation should also indicate it will be used for recreational purposes (the dog park).
5. General discussion regarding the possible creation of "Friends of the Dog Park" 501 c 3. Similar to what the library has, to support fundraising and maintenance needs etc. If we were to begin taking monetary donations; we have no account etc. to put them into. There are questions as to if this would cost money to legally create.
- 5.1 Lawyers will often do pro bono work for a charity - this can be pursued when we decide a 501 3 c is necessary.
6. Flyer distribution and other media sources.
- 6.1 Distribution of flyers can begin!
 - 6.2 Casey volunteered to contact the North Hampton Community News Letter / May 7th Deadline.
 - 6.3 Several members saw the local pet magazine: **Seacoast Bark** and there is one called **New England Woof**... More follow-up is needed (Jalise and Ronni) - is there a story that they might print about the dog park search?
 - 6.4 Pat reached out to Seacoastonline.com several times but has not had a response.

At 8:05pm Ronni made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anne seconded this.

The committee unanimously agreed to adjourn

The Next Meeting Will Take Place on April 26 @ 6:30pm and will be posted.