

Dog Park Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

7:30 PM

Acton Town Hall, Room 121

Present: Clare Siska, Chair
Tom Gillispie, Vice Chair
Mike Perry
Karen Martin
Fred Kinch
Joan, Chair and liaison to the Board of Selectmen

1. Opening

Chair Clare Siska opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

2. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Minutes from April 23, will be reviewed on May 28, 2019.
- B. Actions items follow up.
 - a. The Board of Selectmen approved our changes in the Charge.

3. New/Special Business

- A. Clarification of meeting schedules
 - a. We will publish meetings a few out at a time to avoid confusion such as we had recently
 - b. The next meetings will be May 28, June 11, June 18, and June 25
 - c. No word from the Main Street neighbors. We hope to have the SANA at our meeting.
 - d. We need to get in touch with all boards and committees around June 1st regarding the forum. We should all take another look at Robbins Mill
 - e. Mike found that getting the email will take time, but worthwhile for future communications.
- B. Follow up: Great Hill event (A) and recent feedback
 - a. About 35 people attended that Saturday. Varied responses
 - 1. Many liked the idea of being near to the entrance.

- 2. Bullet points presented. People sold on the need for puppies to have a place
- 3. Some from out of town
- b. Clare's activities
 - 1. Measured the field today. Ideas about putting the small/shy dog area up the field.
 - 2. The email that was sent to the Land Steward committee had strong opinions about owners needing to train their dogs. Tom will respond. She will be invited to a meeting.
 - 3. Meeting with Qin for early next meeting? Main Street as well as Great Hill. for June Forum.
- C. Public Outreach
 - a. To Boards and committees that we have worked with, Tom Tidman, and Selby.
 - b. Go to November or December Town meeting. One person per table
 - c. Karen will contact Acton TV and post on faceBook by the week of June 11
 - d. Farmer's Market, June 23.
 - e. Send article to the Beacon, and the Action Unlimited in early June.
 - f. Distribute information to Veterinarians and pet supply stores.
 - g. Fred will draft flyer.
- D. Main Street issues
 - a. Reached out to the neighbors
 - b. Ideas at Forum, key points, bring dog park pictures.
 - c. Need to ask Selby about Stanton after the Forum
- E. Robbins Mill
 - a. Major NIMBY. Discuss at Forum.
- F. Lighted signs
 - a. See Cory at DPW.

Adjourned at 9:10.

Submitted by Mike Perry