

## **Acton Dog Park Committee**

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 23, 2019  
7:30 p.m.  
Room 121, Town Hall  
472 Main Street, Acton, MA

### **Present:**

Clare Siska, Chair  
Tom Gillispie  
Mike Perry  
Karen Martin  
Joan Gardner

**Absent:** Fred Kinch

Chair Clare Siska opened the meeting at 7:32 PM.

### **I. Regular Business**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the Acton Dog Park Committee on April 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.
2. Follow up on Action Items from previous meeting (s).

### **II. New/Special Business**

3. Follow Up: Great Hill Enhancements

Guests: South Acton Neighborhood Association: Alissa Nicol et al.

The committee with the guests discussed possible enhancements to Great Hill. Potential enhancements are fencing, signage, seating, shade elements (gazebo and/or trees). Challenges include how wet the area can be particularly in the spring, there will be a need to raise the area if closer to the parking lot, and the environmental factors: vernal pool and meadow. Size ideas are around a half acre.

4. Public Outreach Campaign- the committee discussed strategies for sharing the plan for three dog parks in convenient locations to residents in different parts of the town.
  - Mailing will be sent to neighbors of the Main Street property.
  - Communication with South Acton Group through Next Door.

- Tom will draft a letter for committees to solicit support and to have a consistent communication plan.
  - Mike is working on converting dog owner's addresses to emails for ease of communication.
  - Outreach at Great Hill on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> to talk with the public and solicit ideas for enhancements.
  - Logo work will be done in the future. We will arrange to Facetime or meet with Kelly Goodwin the graphic designer who is doing the work pro bono.
5. Design Brainstorm: Main Street Parcels- discussed potential enhancements and discussed the Robbin's Mill parcel and NARA park near the rear of the park.

### **III. Citizen's Concerns**

Discussed enhancements particularly at Great Hill and provided clarification on the scope of the dog park. Collaborative discussion with all present.

A motion to close the meeting at 9:20 PM was made and seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin