

Dog Park Task Force Meeting Minutes
6/27/2019

6:10 - meeting called to order by Jim Pistrang

In attendance: Ana Devlin Gauthier, Ellen Keiter, Ted Diamond, Jim Pistrang (chair), Nina Allen (non-voting)

- I. Review of Previous Minutes from May 14th and April 23rd.
 - A. Minutes approved - 6:15pm
- II. Update from Dave Ziomek (in absentia)
 - A. Planning board approved the plan for the dog park with some conditions.
 - B. Deciding when to go out to bid
 - C. Will go to town council sometime in July
- III. Website update
 - A. Currently figuring out how to set up donation page on the website
 - B. Website is up and running
- IV. Dog Licensing
 - A. Town manager is okay with upping the dog licencing fee as long as it is lower than surrounding towns
 - B. Departments review fees, but he does not want to bring this to the town council yet
 - C. Specific fees cannot go directly to the building of the dog park, however there is a likelihood that it will support the budget for maintenance eventually.
 - D. In order to do this we will need to submit a request to the town, and eventually it would be brought to town council
 - E. Jim motions to vote on a recommended fee increase for dog licenses from \$5 (neutered) to \$10 (unneutered) for the next
 1. Seconded by Ted
 2. Vote passed 4-0-0
- V. Membership
 - A. As two members have left, should we attempt to get our numbers back up to 9 or 10?
 1. Or, as we go out to bid, should we focus on getting the friends group up and running? This should happen in the fall
 - B. Before we do this we need
 1. Confirmation from stanton
 2. Going out to bid
 3. Construction timeline (added by JP)
 - C. Outreach to potential members
 1. Radio
 2. UMASS
 3. Newspaper (added by JP)
 4. Town Notices (added by JP)

- VI. Fundraising
 - A. Discussion on list of ideas for fundraising
 - B. Discussion on calendar of when to complete fundraising packets
 - C. Group will meet on 6/10/19 at 8am at Amherst Coffee to go over the fundraising letter
- VII. Meeting adjourned 7:06pm