

AMHERST DOG PARK TASK FORCE

Funding Subcommittee Minutes

7:00 PM, Tuesday July 26, 2017. Town Room at Town Hall.

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Present:

Nina Allen, Ted Diamond, Kaye Dougan, Ellen Keiter, Jim Pistrang

Design Subcommittee Meeting follow-up

Stanton Foundation requires water at the site (for dogs' drinking)

Ted contacted Peter Wells, local landscape architect

Peter has designed 6 dog parks

Peter will attend our next Task Force meeting in August

Stanton Foundation grants

There is up to \$250,000 available per dog park.

25k for design

225k for construction

we must match with 10%

The Stanton Foundation web page goes into great detail on the entire process

<http://thestantonfoundation.org/canine/dog-parks>

Stanton also offers 'capital' grants – up to 3 grants in the first 5 years, for up to 5% of the initial grant amount.

Community Preservation Act grants

If we need to pay for land, we might consider a CPA request.

If land is donated, we might consider a CPA grant for the matching 10% of the Stanton grant (our matching amount might be as high as \$25,000)

Fundraising Strategies

There was a short discussion of strategies. It is important that potential donors know what the money is going towards.

Ongoing Support Needs

With the help of the Stanton web page we came up with a list of ongoing support needs:

Fence repair

Fresh mulch

Bench repair

Supplies (poop bags, etc)

Water & Electric annual fees

Cleaning

Landscape maintenance

Future Assignments

Ted will summarize the Stanton grant process at the August meeting.

Jim will research the CPA process and report back to the group at the August meeting.
Ellen has expertise in grant proposals, and would like to work on the Stanton grant proposal if/when it is time to do so.
Nina has expertise in presentations, and would like to be involved if there are presentations to be made to CPA Committee, Town Meeting, others.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm