

AMHERST DOG PARK TASK FORCE
Meeting #3

7:00 PM, Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Town Room at Town Hall.

Present:

Nina Allen
Ellen Keiter
Mike Chesworth
Ana Devlin Gauthier
Ted Diamond
Kaye Dougan
Jim Pistrang
David Ziomek * (Director of Conservation and Development)
Jim Wald (Select Board Liaison)
Carol Hepburn (Animal Control Officer)

Agenda

Announcements

Ana's dog ate a whole chicken
Happy Birthday to Carol

Reviewed and Approved Minutes of Prior Meeting

Subcommittee Reports:

Site location status: DZ and office are pursuing a number of private and public options. None ready yet to discuss. Please be patient.
Looking for an end-of-November deadline for a private purchase option to make the CPA (to get funding deadline) first week of December.

DZ:

We are in a sort of limbo until a site selection is confirmed.
Four or five "likelys" he plans to pursue.
Getting appraisals now.
It's still OK to approach people for donation of private land.
Will proceed with CPA application if there is a possible private site, even if it's not firm (as a placeholder)

Old landfill?

DZ: Have not excluded it.

Town water?

DZ: All sites we are considering have access to public water.

No executive session tonight.

Community Support and Activities

JP: Wishes to build (and not lose) community support. Soon after a site is determined we will want to publicize and connect with interested community members. We need a mailing list, a newsletter, something to connect with people.

JW: We should be prepared for town meeting.

TD: Start a "Friends of the Amherst Dog Park" group. Collect names, emails, etc. This would be a community group (not a town organ).

NA: Facebook group. Build momentum.

DZ: CPAC, when we apply, will ask for our community support and donations logistics. MOU (memo of understanding) as to how Friends of the Dog Park will supply support.

ADG: Let's create a handout with five bulleted facts to give out to prospective supporters

Strategy:

- 1) Gather names/emails
- 2) Rally community support, and maintain support
- 3) Prepare to present to TM/CPAC

DZ: Ask Libby for contacts from last year's Dog Park

- Join our mailing list
- Who are we: "DPTF actively pursuing the creation of a DP in Amherst"
- Looking for support
- Volunteer opportunity
- Like our Facebook page

ADG will make ON THE SPOT a social media page:

"Friends of Amherst Dog Park"

JP: Suggests a Google form to take emails

What info to collect?

- email, first name, last name, town (good for possible demographics)
- no phone #s

TD: We need a logo!
Everyone looks at MC

ADG: Will do the Google form. Links will be used where needed.

JP: Will get the past meeting rosters. OK for MC and AN to confer via email regarding logo and flyer

MC: Will do a logo

NA: Will do graphic design for logo and flyer

EK: Will get a photo with her pup to JP

Public Comment

None

Other Business Not Anticipated

None

Schedule Future Meetings

Tuesday 24, October, 7:45pm, in another room from this one.

Adjournment

Motioned, seconded, moved.