

Dog Park Subcommittee  
AGENDA  
Special Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2024

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Meeting location: **Community Center- Parks and Recreation Office**

1. Call to order: Jerry Lokken called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Attendance: Sue Kumro, Jay Ginsberg, Lynn O'Donnell, Rachel Porier, Danielle Holsapple, Donna Polumbo, Jerry Lokken
  - a. Absent: Christy Pyatt
  - b. Girl Scout volunteers Remi Porier and Quinn Holsapple
3. Election of Chair: Jay Ginsberg elected chair of the Dog Park Subcommittee by consensus.
  - a. Meeting Structure: Meetings will start on time and will generally be one hour unless there is a special presentation.
4. Steps toward a dog park
  - a. We will conduct a survey and distribute it to the community via social media, signs in vets and dog groomer offices, cards for hand-out etc. Jay Ginsberg and two Girl Scouts will work on developing the survey with Jerry Lokken.
5. Discussion of locations
  - a. Discussion focused mainly on the property on the northwest side of Roxbury Rd between Roxbury Court and Corey Rd. The next meeting will be held there.
6. Discussion of amenities
  - a. Necessary features: areas for small and large dogs, sally port entry, shade, seating, accessible, parking, trash cans, good drainage, visual barriers between sections and entrance
  - b. Items that would be beneficial but not necessarily part of the initial construction include water, agility obstacles, toilets, path around dog park
7. Financing the dog park
  - a. Jay Ginsberg to work to draft letters to various civic organizations like Niantic Main Street, East Lyme Public Trust, Lions, etc.
  - b. Donna Polumbo will ask contacts about grant opportunities
  - c. Remi Porier volunteers to draft a logo concept
8. Rules for a dog park
  - a. Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by them.
  - b. Puppies and dogs must be properly licensed, inoculated, and healthy.
  - c. Animals should wear a collar and ID tags at all times.
  - d. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
  - e. Dogs showing aggression toward people or other animals must be removed from the park. Animals with a history of aggressive behavior are not permitted to enter.
  - f. Puppies using the park must be at least four months old.
  - g. Owners should not leave their dogs unattended or allowed out of sight. If young children must be supervised.
  - h. Dogs in heat are not allowed inside the park.
  - i. Owners must carry a leash at all times. Dogs should be leashed before entering and leaving the park.
  - j. Violators will be subject to removal from the park and loss of park privileges.
  - k. Enforcement
9. Structure of long-term Dog Park Governance: no discussion

10. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Roxbury Road location.