

Dog Park Subcommittee
MINUTES
Special Meeting
May 6, 2024
7:00 PM

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Meeting location: **Community Center – Chendali Room**

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1. Call to order – Jay Ginsberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Attendance
Present - Rachel Poirier, Danielle Holsapple, Lynn O'Donnell, Jay Ginsberg, Donna Polumbo
Jerry Lokken
Absent – Sue Kumro, Christy Pyatt
Members of the public – Harper Shultz, Remy Poirier-White, Quinn Holsapple, Laura Shultz, Carrie Milton
3. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2024 and March 11, 2024 meetings was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
4. Zoning update – Jerry Lokken to meet with the Zoning Official to review requirements for the proposed property.
5. Logo development – Remy Holsapple shared sketches of a proposed logo. The Girl Scouts will make some final modifications to the logo based on comments from members and share them with Jerry Lokken. He will reach out to Sue Kumro and Rita Rivera to find out if they have interest in helping to refine the sketches into usable logo files. Jay Ginsberg also noted that there are websites that may be useful in transforming the sketches into workable logo files.
6. Survey details – The survey is ready to be distributed and the subcommittee set a date of May 20 to begin collecting responses. Ideas for getting the word out about the survey include business cards, updating the Parks and Recreation website, social media, flyers, notices at the Town Clerk's office for people renewing dog licenses, etc. The Subcommittee views distribution of the survey as having a secondary purpose of informing the public of the efforts to create a dog park in town.
7. Cost estimates – Jerry Lokken presented a quote for fencing that was \$22/linear foot. Assuming a fenced area of about 1,200 feet, that would be \$26,000 plus any smaller additional expenses for benches, shade structure, walking paths, parking modifications. The estimated total project budget is about \$35,000.
8. Fundraising efforts – Donna Palumbo will meet with a person who will help with grants. There was also discussion about how to collect money and who would hold any donations received until needed for expenses. Jerry Lokken will reach out to the East Lyme Public Trust to see if they are willing to serve as the fiduciary agent for donations. He will also check with the finance director to determine what steps the town might be able to take to create a dedicated fund for donations.
9. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.