

Dog Park Subcommittee
MINUTES
Special Meeting
May 20, 2024
7:00 PM

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

1. Jay Ginsberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Attendance
 - a. Present : Jay Ginsberg, Sue Kumro, Danielle Holsapple, Lynn O'Donnell Rachel Poirier, Jerry Lokken
 - b. Absent: Christy Pyatt and Donna Pumbo
 - c. Others present: Allison Ryan
3. Approval of minutes of May 6, 2024 meeting
4. Reconsideration of Dog Park Site: Jay Ginsberg made motion to designate the large open field at Roxbury Road be designated as the primary/preferred location of the park. Second By Danielle Holsapple. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Zoning update : Jerry Lokken stated that he would work with Zoning when the time comes to prepare the application necessary and attend meetings as required to obtain Zoning approval.
6. Logo update: By consensus members chose a logo design with small adjustments to be made. A final logo design will be worked out between Rita Rivera and the Girl Scouts.
7. Survey update: Jerry Lokken has the survey ready and the QR code. He will work with Rita Rivera to get flyers, social media posts and envelope stuffers. Girl Scouts to help on Vintage Market on Saturday, May 25 to help distribute info on the survey.
8. Cost estimates: There may be a increase in cost due to changed location.
9. Fundraising ideas: The First Selectman approved the creation of an account to hold any donated funds. Jerry Loken will work with Finance to get one set up once fundraising efforts begin. Spending any funds from the account will need to follow established town protocols.
10. Dog Park Rules and Regulations: Members suggested the following rules
 - a. Use the park at your own risk.
 - b. Please be respectful of wildlife and restrict dogs to fenced area of the property.
 - c. Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by them.
 - d. Puppies and dogs must be properly licensed, inoculated, and healthy.
 - i. Per CGS dogs must be current on rabies vaccine.
 - e. Animals should wear a collar and ID tags at all times.
 - f. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
 - g. 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.

- h. Puppies using the park must be at least four months old.
- i. Owners should not leave their dogs unattended or allowed out of sight. If young children must be supervised.
- j. Dogs in heat are not allowed inside the park.
- k. Owners must carry a leash at all times. Dogs should be leashed before entering and leaving the park.
- l. Violators will be subject to removal from the park and loss of park privileges.

11. Date of next Meeting; July 8, 2024 at 7PM in Community Center.

12. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.