

Fairhaven Dog Park Committee August 4, 2015

Meeting called to order 6:35PM

Attendees: Laurie Traudt – Co Chairperson, Carol Tyson – Co Chairperson, Nancy Santoro, Kathy Lopes, and Donna Baldwin

Attendees: Anne Jorgensen, John Jorgensen- came in at 7PM.

Meeting minutes from July 7, 2015 were read and a motion brought forth to accept the minutes. The motion was 2nd and passed by all committee members.

Fairhaven Animal Shelter Open House: Donations from that day was \$177.00. The committee members shared a lot of information about the dog park and received all positive response to the project. Donation to the shelter will be discussed at next committee meeting on 9/17/2015.

Signs: Nancy Santoro advised the sign, banner and message board are in place at the Long Road locations. Fairhaven Lumber and Glaser Glass donated materials and labor was provided by two volunteers. The cost was a total was \$81.00 for materials.

Volunteers: Laurie Traudt suggested a member of the Dog Park Committee should be in attendance if a volunteer is to represent fundraising and/or construction efforts for the dog park. A committee member would be able to provide detailed information about the current status and future development of the dog park and adhere to the Ethics standards, tax procedures, etc.

Location: On February 23, 2015 some the Fairhaven Dog Park Committee attend a meeting at the BPW to discuss the location on Long Road for the dog park. The Dog Park Committee provided google satellite map along with a detailed discussion of the location of the park. Based on the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting the location was approved by the BPW. However, when, Nancy Santoro went to the BPW to ask about grass cutting, a board member of the BPW indicated the approval was actually for a different area and not the current location.

Because of the confusion, the dog park committee will be contacting BPW to clarify what changed the location and if necessary determine if we will appeal the change of location, seek a compromise or alternatives. Laurie will provide historical record including the minutes of the 2/23/2015 BPW meeting and also a trail of e-mails . Carol will advise when the next BPW meeting will be held.

Financial Report: Anne Jorgensen reported she deposited a \$255.84 check from the Homecoming and \$177.00 from the Fairhaven Animal Shelters open house.

Reminder – you need full board approval prior to making any purchases or run the risk of not being reimbursed.

New Business: Kathy Lopes discussed the need for volunteers at the Fort Phoenix Road Race scheduled for September 13, 2015. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Fairhaven Dog Park.

The meeting next Fairhaven Dog Park Committee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2015 at 6:30PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Donna Baldwin – Secretary
Laurie Traudt – Co Chairperson
Carol Tyson – Co Chairperson