

DOG PARK STUDY MEETING

Approved

September 20, 2011

The Dog Park Study Committee meeting was held at the Cable Access Center, 281 Mammoth Road, Londonderry.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Dottie Grover, Cynthia LaBrecque, Deanna Mele, Dan McLeod, Linda Bates, John Beaulieu, Cindy Eaton (7:30 PM). Absent: Budget Committee Liaison, John Curran , Planning Board Liaison, Scott Benson, and Senior Building Inspector, Richard Canuel. Public: Sue Roy, Anita Snow.

CALL TO ORDER

Dottie Grover opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS

Each introduced themselves and offered a comment as to why they wanted to serve on this committee. Various papers were passed out (and jelly beans); some papers needing a signature . Also passed out was the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: Per the agenda after “introductions” was “choose a secretary”. Dan McLeod nominated Linda Bates for secretary, second by John Beaulieu. Committee vote was 7-0-1.

John Beaulieu nominated Dottie Grover as Chair, second by Cynthia LaBrecque; committee vote was 7-0-1.

Dottie Grover nominated Cynthia LaBrecque as Vice Chair, second by Dan McLeod; committee vote was 7-0-1.

The committee members by mutual agreement divided up into sub-committees to discuss different areas of research. The final report and research information would be presented to Town Council in December, 2012. The committee determined that their first area of research should start with the PROPERTY SEARCH. Chair, Dottie Grover suggested an area on Sanborn Road. Vice Chair Cynthia LaBrecque stated that her husband works on the Conservation Commission. Mr. LaBrecque will check as to whether there is any possible use of areas adjacent to conservation lands. D. McLeod and J. Beaulieu will, with their families, ride around Londonderry and take pictures for possible sites. They would also check out “sources of funding”. Suggestions for that were:

- * Charging a separate fee yearly at dog registration and having a special dog tag issued at time of registration showing that the membership has been paid
- * A yearly membership, say \$10, as Manchester dog park does, for each park user

Suzanne Roy suggested an animal behaviorist be retained at a later date to conduct psychic readings of our pets (!) as a fundraising event.

Linda Bates informed the committee that she is tracking down a book entitled "How to Build a Dog Park". It is only available for purchase on-line and costs \$85.00. S. Roy said someone involved in the Bedford Dog Park Committee has a copy and she will try to borrow it (Margo). Linda Bates also mentioned an informative on-line website called "Dog Park USA" which is a nationwide dog park newsletter highlighting problems/concerns/fundraising/etc.

Chair, D. Grover mentioned that she is trying to find a suitable place to house pets during weather emergencies. The Londonderry Access Center was used during the last hurricane, but will not be used again.

It was suggested that John Curran be asked at the next meeting to lend his expertise as to the legal issues that arise concerning dog parks and liability. Also mentioned was SB 19 regarding liability at dog parks.

Chair, D. Grover mentioned the possible donation of services of Curtis Boles and graphic printing. Also mentioned was the possibility of tracking the progress of the committee on the website of Imageability: Londonderrynh.net.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Londonderry Access Center
Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Londonderry Access Center
No meeting scheduled for December at the Londonderry Access Center

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:04 PM.