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Below are the minutes for December

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The December 11, 2012 dog park committee meeting took place at the Londonderry Access Center.

Present for this meeting were: Dottie Grover Anita Snow John Curran Linda Bates Cindy Eaton Guest Jay Hobson, reporter, Londonderry Times

Meeting opened at 6:40 p.m.

MINUTES

Copies of the prior meeting were distributed to those present. After time was allowed to read the minutes, there were no corrections or comments and the minutes were accepted as presented.

Report by Scott Benson was next on the agenda but Mr. Benson was not in attendance.

Report by John Beaulieu/Raj Verma was next, but neither were in attendance.

DISCUSSION

In regards to the Town Council comment that there no minutes of this committee to be read, John Curran asked why that comment was made. Linda Bates commented that Margo in Town Hall wanted the committee's minutes formatted to her liking for posting on the town website. Linda went on to comment that she went to town hall with her laptop to take "private" lessons on how to format the committee minutes "properly". Linda continued that she is not technical savvy and enlisted her husband Merle to try and help format the minutes. Merle couldn't make "heads or tails" of how to do this either even though Margo tried to talk him through it over the phone.

Linda asked to send the minutes to Margo and perhaps she, or someone she could appoint could reformat the minutes for the website. She indicated she "didn't have time" to reformat. Merle was diagnosed with brain cancer and could not continue trying to assist.

John Curran suggested that the minutes be sent anyway, as typed, and if the town chose not to reformat them that was one thing, but at least they could not say they didn 't have them to read. Ms. Grover will send prior minutes and current to Margo in their current format.

In regards to the new dog park site option on South Road, John Curran's question was in regard to how this site is deeded. Ms. Grover indicated this is conservation land. It is possible that a half acre to an acre may be available. Bob Saurs, member of the Trailways Committee, made this site known to Ms. Grover.

The dog park committee will make arrangements to send several members to attend the next meeting of the Trailways Committee to discuss this area.

Ms. Bates' concerns were about parking spaces. Current estimates are six spaces being increased to possibly twelve. Ms. Bates indicated that even on a slow day there are upwards of 6 to 8 cars at the Derry Dog park, and on pleasant sunny weekend days, there are as many as 25 or more cars and no room for overflow.

Cindy Eaton;s concerns were about any restrictions in place or may be put in place because this is conservation land. Also concern about any protected plants.

Next topic was the report that needs to be presented to the Town Council next Monday, December 17. 2012. Ms. Grover appointed Scott Benson to compose and present this report.

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In closing, it was noted that Mr. Januscz of Public Works needs to be contacted regarding how the proposed property can be used.

Linda will try to arrange an interview the head of Derry Parks and Recreation to find out how this successful park is operated, as to funding, what if anything the town pays for and how much of this runs on volunteer help.

Motion by John Curran to adjourn, seconded by Anita Snow to adjourn this meeting. Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bates Secretary