

Townsend Dog Park Feasibility Study Committee

Minutes 11-06-2019 7PM

In attendance: Sara Grant, Julie Byars, Laura Doell, Cheryl Voutour, Janelle Hart, Nicolette Reed

- Julie made motion to accept 9/14/19 minutes as amended tonight. Unanimous
- Emergency Contact sheet Sara wants preferred contact for committee members.
Cheryl, Janelle – texting
Laura, Julie, - email
Once group email is sent out, Laura will send a text to Janelle and Cheryl
- Updates on Feasibility sections of reports:
- **Town Planning** – Julie: Request went to Town Properties comm. They were already developing a list and map of unused town-owned properties. At the joint meeting, the point was made that a DP site needs water. Landfill site cannot be considered for two reasons: No water and it DEP needs more years of testing.
Julie handed out annotated lists of potential sites.
The two contiguous lots 26-31-2 and 27-48-0 were discussed.
25-5-1 may have nearby water at the Hickory Drive end.
16-50-52 thru 56 are too wet.
42-1-29 thru 34 have wetlands.
16-44-0, 16-49-114, 16-49-114 may be possible. There may be nearby water from Cherry Dr.
Julie believes that there are 4 potential lots that could be used. Nicki suggested that a next step be finding out what the water access is for each site. Julie will continue to research water availability and necessary co-ordination with any applicable town departments.
Finance Report Cheryl needs more specifics
Dog Park Rules and Etiquette Groton is not an actual dog park. Nicki researched Chelmsford, Ayer, Fitchburg and Ayer. She spoke with a gentleman about the private Nashua Dog Park. Someone else is trying to start a public dog park in Nashua.
Public Interest Survey – Julie has nine questions so far. For next meeting, read and bring feedback. Biggest issue is getting a survey out to residents. Sara will ask Karen Clement for advice.
- **Interest Group update:** Josh has moved to NH. No one else has stepped up to run the interest group. Nicki suggested having a holiday tree and gathering and inviting people who have left the group. Janelle will sign us up for a tree.
- **Other topics:** Laura wants to do an impact study for the Feasibility Report. Will interview animal control/dog officers from towns that have dog parks.
- **Next Meeting** Questionnaire and updates from properties.

Thank-you note needs to be written to Properties Committee