

# Dog Control Bylaw Meeting #2

Date: 03-013-2023

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Town Hall

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Facilitator:	Note Taker	Jill/Neil
<b>Members Present:</b>	Jill Radosta, Frank Moran, John Thompson, Mark Farrell, Kate Pittman, Neil Downing	
<b>Guests Present:</b>	Chief Michelle Guerette, Jenny Cronin, Animal Control Officer	
<b>Handout:</b>	Animal Control / Animal Inspector Year End Report, 2022 Comparison of Medfield Neighboring Town By-Laws Concerning Dog Control (KP)	
<b>Agenda item:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome Medfield Police Chief Michelle Guerette &amp; Animal Control Officer – Jenny Cronin</li><li>2. Review 2022 Animal Control/Animal Inspector – Year-End Report, 2022</li><li>3. Discuss issues pertaining to open space (MSH, Rail Trail, Wheelock)</li><li>4. Discuss ideas/surveys to collect data</li><li>5. Approve Minutes of February 7, 2023</li><li>6. Schedule future meeting date</li></ol>	

**Chair Jill Radosta** opened the meeting at 7:03p.m. / Roll Call Attendance (FM, JT, MF, KP, ND, JR) introduced Chief Guerette, MPD and Jenny Cronin, Animal Control Officer, MPD

## Discussions (from Agenda)

1. We have the support from the Medfield Police Department/Animal Control Officer
2. Reviewed Animal Control / Animal Inspector Year-End Report 2022 (Total Calls for 2022: 1,299)  
Out of 1,299 calls, 108 calls for dogs running loose, 9 barking dog complaints, 7 dog attacks, 9 dogs left in hot cars, 2 dogs hit by cars, 13 dog bites, 5 dogs abandoned in Medfield, 84 dogs were adopted from Medfield Animal Shelter.
3. Open Space: identify all open space in Medfield, discuss current locations to survey.
4. Brainstormed questions to use as an initial public survey (in progress) – researched Golden Gate as a survey tool
5. Chair Radosta made a motion to approve 2/7/2023 Minutes – Vote: 6:6
6. Next meeting Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 6:00pm - Warrant Room, Town House

## Other discussions:

- How do we engage the community with a consistent message?
- Education is a key component to get the message out to the public/community about current bylaws.
- Newton was referenced as a “model” to review policies/procedures.
- Continued our discussion/challenges relating to dogs on/off leash – owner recall, owner accountability, etc.
- Dog parks are concentrated areas that needs to be more explored.
- Discussed survey questions for public response.

## Conclusion/Next Meeting

- Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 6:00pm Warrant Rm, Town House

## Action Items

- Develop a set of recommendations** for acceptance by BoS to be included as an Annual Town Meeting Article, 2023 (Committee)
- Open Space** (invite Open Space committee member to next meeting) (MF)
- Review Survey Questions** for public response/data collection (Committee Members)
- Set up an **Email** for correspondence (JR)
- Survey/Questionnaire** – (Committee)  
Committee members brainstormed questions to be finalized at next meeting (utilizing information from the “Golden Gate
- What are other towns doing? Can we research sample leash laws, guidelines, enforcement? (In progress/Committee)