

Dog Control Bylaw Meeting #3

Date: 04-10-2023

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Town Hall

Facilitator: Jill Radosta Note Taker: Neil Downing

Members Present: Jill Radosta, Frank Moran, John Thompson, Mark Farrell, Kate Pittman, Neil Downing, John Moon

Guests Present: Jerry Potts – Open Space Committee

Handout: Open Space Survey Results- <https://www.town.medfield.net/2112/OSRP-Committee>
(Develop a dog park, e.g., Medfield State or Wheelock) – results from open comments pg. 140

Agenda item:

1. Open Space & Recreation Plan – Presenter, Jerry Potts
2. Review Dog Control By-Law
3. Committee - goals & timeline
4. Upcoming meeting dates

Chair Jill Radosta opened the meeting at 6:00p.m. / Roll Call Attendance (FM, JT, MF, KP, ND, JR, JM)
introduced John Moon, new member of the Dog Control ByLaw Committee, Introduced Jerry Potts, Open Space Committee

Open Space Committee with Jerry Potts

- Preserving Open Space & Recreation Plan
- Taking inventory of all identifiable open space in the town
- Conservation 38% is conservation land.
- Active & passive (walking) recreation
- New Survey Report just released.

Discussions:

- Reviewed Current Dog bylaw: <https://ecode360.com/27373512>
Wheelock & Hospital Hill – what other off leash areas are available?
 - Rocky Woods & Noon Hill (Trustees of the reservation)
- Draft Survey Questions
- Dog Park Pros & Cons
 - Private funding for Dog Park development?
- Look at other communities with Dog Parks (Bellingham)
 - Adams Farm
- Review 2018 findings from previous dog committee
- Commercial Dog Walkers: Is there a limit of dogs per walker?
- Need to set a tone for shared use of property.

Action items

- Ask for Town support for trash removal at Wheelock & MSH (need additional trash bins/pick up)
- Review Medfield Leash Law (*Kate P*)
- Off Leash designated areas
- Communication Plan: (through social media networks: Concerned Citizens, Friends of Medfield, Bellforge Website(?))
Responsible dog owner, Signage
- Request for updated Dog license list
- Signage to express desired shared use of property w/rules.
- Committee deliverable timeline: continue to work on recommendations due December 2023
- Dog Park (areas of interest?) if any?
- Mark F. to review off leash opportunities

Conclusion/Next Meeting

- Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 6:00pm Warrant Rm, Town House

Completed Action Items

- ✓ Email for Dog Control ByLaw Committee: DogControlBylawComm@medfield.net