



DOG PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday October 8, 2025 7:00PM
Virtually via Zoom

Present:

Tom Gillispie, Chair

Karen Martin, Vice Chair

Fred Kinch

Nadia Byrnes

Clare Siska

Absent:

Dean Charter

Guests:

Jeff Bergart

Thom Begin

Joe Will

Cathy Fochtman

Opening

Chair Tom Gillispie called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

New Business/Old Business Update

Thom Begin and Tom provided updates on Woodall with WDA mobilizing the dog park site. Erosion control will be the first step.

No contingency for the gravel pad for the shed. We will need to get a price from Woodall or look for an in-kind gift. Karen will contact Reeds Ferry for the details of the 6 inch gravel base.

Members discussed source for large rocks. Possibilities include Stonefield Farm, rocks near CVS, DPW and the River Street Project. Jeff Bergart offered to research the rocks behind CVS.

Tom brought up the idea of an outdoor camera that would be solar powered. The committee discussed pros and cons. The live feed would allow residents to check progress but there might be privacy issues. Thom B. will check with the town manager.

Friends Update

Clare discussed fundraising for a pavilion. Friends won't pursue CPA funds this year. The plan is to develop a compelling story and have a major fundraiser, A 20 x 28 foot structure is preferred. Clare and Nadia will work with O'Brien. There was discussion about considering a metal roof or not.

Friends provided a short debrief of Oktoberfest. Friends netted \$900, fewer balloons sold.

FBO

The committee will review the FBO list at the next meeting.

Next meeting 10/15.

Citizens' Concerns- None

Adjournment

At 7:59 it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin