

**ANIMAL AND DOG PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, January 12, 2023

8:00 am

**IN-PERSON LOCATION**

**Room 208 @ City Hall**

**VIRTUAL MEETING LINK**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88325839036?pwd=dWx3M1hCYXdjUTdEMGtsSjl3Ui8wZz09>

**Meeting ID: 883 2583 9036**

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**DRAFT Minutes**

<b>Attendees</b>		
<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Virtual (Reason)</b>
Tom Lopez, Board of Aldermen (Alternate)	X	
Patricia Klee, Board of Aldermen		
Kathy Abel, Community Member	X	
Amber Morgan, Community Member (Chair)	X	
Megan Villacis, Community Member		
Bob Langis, Animal Control Officer	X	
Becky Longval, Nashua Humane Society		
<b>Staff</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Virtual</b>
Deb Chisholm, Waterways Manager	x	
Staff, Mayor's Office		
Bryan Conant, Supt Parks and Recreation		X

The regular meeting of the Animal and Dog Park Advisory Committee was held in the auditorium at City Hall. The Zoom meeting link was provided on the meeting agenda and on the City’s website. One member of the Committee and no one from the public attended via Zoom.

**1. Approval of the November 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

- Motion: Amber
- Second: Bob
  - Discussion: None
- Approved by roll call vote 3 in favor, 1 abstention (Lopez)

**2. Dog Park Non-Profit**

No update from the State regarding creation of the non-profit. Non-profit Board has enough members.

**3. Dog Waste Clean-up Campaign**

Frozen now, but cleanup at parks and playgrounds before the spring melt could be helpful. Bryan mentioned the trash totes were removed from the Main Dunstable park and people started leaving their poop bags tied to the fence. The totes were brought back. Ald. Lopez suggested perhaps installing a fence mounted disposal receptacle.

#### 4. Animal Control Officer and Humane Society Updates

- **ACO:**
  - Bob indicated he has not removed any confusing dog signage and noted that some are located too high for him to reach. He will let Bryan know which signs need to be removed by staff with a ladder.
  - Bob addressed a question submitted previously by Alderwoman Klee regarding the role of the ACO when one dog attacks another dog. If a dog is injured by another dog, it is property damage and a civil issue. If the ACO is contacted, they provide details to owner(s) on next steps along with a complaint form.
  - Vicious dog complaints are \$100 first offence; \$400 second offence and court appearance for a third offence within a year.
  - Menace dog complaints are \$50 first offence; \$200 second offence and court appearance for a third offence within a year.
- **Humane Society:** No update. Becky was not present at the meeting.

#### 5. Other

The RFP for the NIMCO property has not been issued yet. That RFP will contain details about the potential developer's responsibility for creating the dog park at the entrance of Mine Falls Park.

Recently revealed drawings of a proposed development of the former Mohawk Tannery property showed a dog park. It is not yet clear if the dog park would be open to the public or residents only.

Bob made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Amber. Motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 8 AM – 9 AM**

*Minutes by: Deb Chisholm*