

# Dog Control Bylaw Meeting #4

Date: 05-02-2023

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Town Hall

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Facilitator: Jill Radosta Note Taker: Neil Downing

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

Members Absent: Frank M., John T

Public Present: Chris Potts

Handout: Picture of Signage at MSH, Newton Off-Leash DogParks: <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/parks-recreation-culture/off-leash-dog-parks#!>

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## Agenda item:

1. Discuss current signage at MSH "quad" and other areas
2. How do we co-exist with on and off leash dogs in open spaces
3. Continue to prepare recommendations for Town Counsel (deadline: December, 2023)
4. Approve Minutes of May 2, 2023
5. Schedule future meeting date

**Chair Jill Radosta** opened the meeting at 6:00p.m. / Roll Call Attendance (JR, KP, ND, MF, JM) – Absent from meeting: (FM, JT)

## Discussion:

- Discussed a desire to create temporary signs at the former Medfield State Hospital and Wheelock sites to help educate dog owner/walkers about current town leash and dog waste bylaws.
- Discussed how signage may help educate the public on expectations – dog behavior/owner responsibility
- Who authorized the current signage at MSH in the "quad" ?– JR will discuss with Town of Medfield
- Current signage at MSH – who approved the different signs posted?
- How do we co-exist with on- and off-leash dogs in open spaces (need to review other town bylaws/policies for comparison)
- Discussed surrounding towns "Dog Park" e.g. Medway and Wrentham
- Brainstormed some ideas about signs with QR codes to link back to Town ByLaws and other areas to visit throughout the town
- Color code signs for on/off leash areas
- Communications: how do we educate citizens/visitors – Newspaper, New In Town, Social Media
- Review "Trustee" language as a guide
- Safety in parking lots: Dogs should not be off-leash

## Action items

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- Quad Signs – who authorized and posted? – JR will research information – talk w/DPW/Town
- 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 (JR)
- Signage to express desired shared use of property w/rules (JR)
- Committee deliverable timeline: continue to work on recommendations due December, 2023 (Committee)
- Dog Park (areas of interest?)
- Mark will look into other Off leash opportunities

## Conclusion/Next Meeting

- Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023 @ 6:00pm Warrant Rm, Town House

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