Dog Control Bylaw Meeting #5

Date: 06-05-2023
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Town Hall

Facilitator:	Jill Radosta	Note Taker:	Neil Downing

Members Present: Jill Radosta, Mark Farrell, Kate Pittman, , John Moon, Frank M., John T

Members Absent: Neil Downing

Public Present: Nick & Peggy Sue Werthessen

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

Agenda item:

1. Review/update action items (see below also a handout)
2. Discuss open space for shared use
3. Discuss possible survey questions for citizens input
4. Continue to prepare recommendations for Town Counsel (deadline: December, 2023)
5. Approve Minutes of June 5, 2023
6. 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:

- Continue to discuss current ByLaw – need to review in detail and compare with surrounding towns on how to effectively educate the public
- Need to identify areas of impact that need to be addressed – accountability, enforcement, safety measures etc.
- Discussed how the redevelopment at MSH may increase change in other open space areas in Medfield. How do we communicate current bylaw, educate public
- Discussed signage to support the bylaw

Action items

- ☐ Quad Signs – who authorized and posted? – *The Board of Select approved the signs and posted at MSH* (due to an incident that occurred)
- ☐ Off Leash designated areas – *in progress of reviewing open space available* (MSH North Field, Wheelock, Noon Hill?)
- ☐ Communication Plan: (review social media networks/platforms Concerned Citizens, Friends of Medfield, Bellforge Website(?) Responsible dog owner, Signage
- ☐ Request for updated Dog license list (Jill sent email to J. Cronin for updated listing of licensed animals in Medfield)
- ☐ Committee deliverable timeline: continue to work on recommendations due December, 2023 (Committee)
- ☐ Review current ByLaw and discuss how to enforce, implement change, educate citizens/visitors of Medfield open space areas

Conclusion/Next Meeting

- Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2023 @ 6:00pm Warrant Rm, Town House

EMAIL for Public Response:

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