Dog Control Bylaw Meeting #7

Date: July 17, 2023
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Town Hall

Facilitator:	Jill Radosta	Note Taker:	Neil Downing

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

Members Absent: John T, Kate P

Staff Present: Mark Cerel -Town Attorney, Kristine Trierweiler - Town Administrator

Handout: Franklin – Dog Park Rules: Dacey Field:
https://www.franklinma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif10036/f/uploads/dog_park.pdf

Wellesley: Article 47. Animal Control Regulations
https://www.wellesleyma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/464/Article-47---Animal-Control-Regulations-PDF

Agenda item:

1. Discuss Medfield Dog Control Bylaw Committee Charter.
2. Review surrounding Town Bylaws: On/Off Leash areas, guidelines.
3. Review/edit first draft recommendation for Town Counsel/Annual Meeting 2024
4. Approve Minutes of June 20, 2023
5. Schedule future meeting date

Chair Jill Radosta called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Roll Call Attendance (JR, ND, MF, JM, FM)
Jill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58p.m.

Discussion:

1. Existing bylaw was a substantial re-write after State dog control by laws – main premise is dog's behavior is owners fault.
2. Select board would still deal with vicious dogs or dog attack because it has the statuary authority.
3. Discuss what Newton, Needham, Brookline, Franklin & Wellesley were doing currently.
4. Need to convert current draft to list of recommendations.

Next Steps:

5. Start with owner education
6. Sledding hill area on the hill across from the hospital is not currently mowed – recommend it should be mowed every two weeks.
7. Need review Trinity property line vs town owned land for recommendation RE Dog walking trails during & after Trinity development
8. Public feedback hearing is September 20, 2023
9. Need Summary of activities to date for public recommendations document (John to pull a draft together)
10. Public Hearing (September, 2023), prepare preliminary recommendations for this meeting to present for public feedback
11. After public hearing, present to Select Board (recommendations)
12. Prepare for annual town meeting

Action items

Jill R. & Neil met with Kristine T. to review draft
set up a public hearing: (potential date 9/20/2023)
John M. will provide a "Summary of Activities" using the Dog Control Bylaw Committee minutes and discussions (prepare for next meeting (8/14/2023 @ 6:00pm)
Jill R. will work on developing a draft "recommendation" from the Dog Control Bylaw Committee Charter and will discuss w/Kristine T. (make bulleted list of "new recommendations", clear signage,

Conclusion/Next Meeting

- Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14th @ 6:00p.m. Warrant Rm, Town House
- Public Hearing – September 20, 2023 (location/time to be determined)

EMAIL for Public Response: Email for Dog Control ByLaw Committee: DogControlBylawComm@medfield.net