

**ANIMAL AND DOG PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, March 10, 2022

8:00 am – 9:00 am

**IN-PERSON LOCATION**

**Room 208 @ City Hall**

**VIRTUAL MEETING LINK**

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

**Meeting ID: 883 2583 9036**

**Passcode: 108580**

**DRAFT Minutes**

<b>Attendees</b>		
<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Virtual (Reason)</b>
Tom Lopez, Board of Aldermen (Alternate)		
Patricia Klee, Board of Aldermen		
Kathy Abel, Community Member	x	
Amber Morgan, Community Member (Chair)	x	
Megan Villacis, Community Member	x	
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	
Brian Conant, Parks & Rec Superintendent		
Noah Telerski, Mayor's Office	x	

The regular meeting of the Animal and Dog Park Advisory Committee was held in Room 208 at City Hall. The Zoom meeting link was provided on the meeting agenda and on the City’s website. No one from the Committee or from the public attended via Zoom.

**1. Approval of the [February 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)**

- Motion: Amber
- Second: Megan
  - Discussion: None
- Yea: Unanimous
- Nay: 0

## 2. Dog Park Non-Profit

No updates.

## 3. Dog Waste Clean-up Campaign

No complaints to the Mayor's Office recently according to Noah. May be an increase in calls now that the snow is melting.

## 4. Animal-Related Signage

### Existing Rules:

[Article I Park and Playground Rules](#)

[§ 215-1 Prohibited acts.](#)

In all parks, playgrounds, pools and other City recreational facilities, no person shall:

- J. Bring or allow any dog or horse to be in any park or playground except in areas designated and marked by the Superintendent for dogs and/or horses.

Bob provided photos of some of the inconsistencies found throughout the City regarding dogs. Some parks have signs that indicate "No Dogs Allowed in this Gated Field". Others only remind owners that dogs must be on leash and must be cleaned up after. Signage needs to provide a consistent message at all parks and fields including those maintained by the school district.



### Next steps:

- Bob Langis will check signage at all City parks to create an inventory of the inconsistencies in signage.
- Committee will use the inventory to inform DPW/Parks and Rec/School Department of what signage needs to be replaced.

## 5. Animal Control Officer and Humane Society Updates

- **ACO:** Bob provided an update of the animal call report. Not much new to report

- **Humane Society:** In Becky's absence, Bob reported that the Humane Society had experienced PARVO virus and closed the facility to the public for a week.

**6. Other**

- The committee discussed affordability of dog licensing, and Amber will contact the City Clerk's office to ask if there is any assistance for those who struggle to pay for a license.
- There was also discussion about who to contact if a dog is found and is wearing a license tag. Would the City Clerk's office provide the contact info in order to return the dog to the owner? Bob indicated that the police dispatcher also has the list of licensed dog owners, so they might be the best ones to contact if the dog has a license tag.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am by voice vote

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 8 AM – 9 AM**

*Minutes by: Deb Chisholm*