

ANIMAL AND DOG PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 10, 2022

8:00 am

IN-PERSON LOCATION

Auditorium @ City Hall

VIRTUAL MEETING LINK

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

Meeting ID: 883 2583 9036

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

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 July 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

2. Volunteer Term Expirations

Only community members have terms with expiration dates. Amber Morgan needs to renew her term.

3. Dog Park Non-Profit

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

4. Dog Waste Clean-up Campaign

Alderwoman Klee indicated DPW is installing battery-operated cameras at Shattuck Street tot lot. May help us reduce number of owners not picking up after their dogs. There had previously been a discussion about creating a separate area for dogs. Amber will check with Parks and Recreation. Becky has a business that's interested in helping the Humane Society. There may be a waste cleanup project for them to get involved with.

5. Animal Control Officer and Humane Society Updates

- **ACO:** Bob was not present at the meeting and did not provide data for October re: types of calls.
- **Humane Society:** Becky reported the Wags and Walk event was successful. They have now hired a full-time veterinarian who will be able to provide low-cost vet services. Dental services may also be available in the future.

6. Leashes

Alderwoman Klee received information from a constituent regarding the dangers of using long leashes when walking dogs. Long dog leashes that can extend across walkways, sidewalks or trails can trip up other walkers or cyclists. The RSA indicates the owner must be in control of the dog. This suggests we may need to educate the public better about leash courtesy and control of your dog. Deb will check with City Clerk about using the annual dog license letter as a vehicle for educating the public about leashes.

Becky mentioned that our ordinances may need more verbiage about this topic. While enforcement would be difficult, it would put more liability on the dog owner.

7. Other

N/A

Alderwoman Klee made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Kathy. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, December 8th 8 AM – 9 AM

Minutes by: Deb Chisholm