

Barre City Dog Park Committee Meeting
September 20, 2017
Barre City Hall
Minutes

Members in Attendance: *Jeff Cochran (Chair), Misty Shearer (Vice Chair), Nick Landry (Assistant to the City Manager)*

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:08pm
- II. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Unavailable
- IV. **Visitors & Communications**
 - Some discussion around lack of communication/updates by the committee regarding fundraising and park update plans
- V. **Old Business**
 - **Shelter Park Donations:** No donations have been received lately. Supplies for the shelter have been paid for from the account and future fundraising will be used to replenish it
 - **New Member Recruitment:** 2 visitors expressed interest in joining & will get in touch with Nick Landry
 - **Dog Park Improvements:** Shelter project is stalled due to lack of a licensed/insured contractor. We are also in need of a zoning permit. Holes need to be dug & concrete poured before the ground freezes. Suggestion was made to contact Youth Build and school for help with preliminary construction of shelter (pieces to be cut by them and assembled by licensed/insured contractor at the park) – Tim Cota volunteered to look into this. Some discussion about possibly returning materials and taking a small loss for restocking fees versus losing materials due to weather over the winter if shelter can't be finished before then. Jeff will look into this & will also ask Allen Lumber for a copy of the sketch for the shelter. It was decided that wooden structures in both the big & small dog parks will be removed due to rough edges, exposed nails, and overall unsteadiness of structures.
- VI. **New Business**
 - **Misbehaving Dogs:** Discussing involving a rewrite of rules and placement of the existing rules at the park. Some items to be considered would be making sure the gates are closed when you leave, keep your dog's leash on you at all times, what happens if a dog bites a person or other dog (possible permanent ban from park & report to police department), children under certain age (age to be determined) need adult supervision
 - **Smoking & Drinking in the Park:** To be revisited at special meeting on **Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 10am at the park** (small dog section)

- ***Kennel Cough:*** Discussion around futility of spraying the park once an infected dog has been there and effectiveness of vaccine

VII. Round Table: Nothing to report

VIII. Adjourn: 8:20pm