



Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner

Off-Leash Area Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Room 205– City Hall

9:30am- Friday January 20, 2017

1. Reports- Officer Torres, Officer Mikoleit, Jason Roberts

- Officer Torres reported Officer Mikoleit is out on medical leave returning in a few months.
- There has been increased activity due to the nicer weather
- Dr. Saporta the abutter of the Cold Spring Park off-leash area reported off-leash dogs on his property.
- A complaint was received regarding dog's off-leash outside the off-leash area at Braceland Playground. There was a dog on dog bite at Cabot Park.

2. Area Updates

- **McGrath park – renovation plan**
 - Carol Schein provided a draft plan of the proposed renovations for McGrath off-leash area. All present approved of the plan. Commissioner DeRubeis stated the renovations should begin in the spring.

3. New Business

- **Small dog off-leash area**
 - Commissioner DeRubeis commented the options are; Norumbega Park (area close to Commonwealth Ave near the Marriott Hotel) or adding an area to an existing location such as Hunnewell Park.
 - Ms. Marylee Belleville stated there is a piece of state land near the Chestnut Hill Mall that would be perfect and there is mall parking abutting the land. Commissioner DeRubeis commented the department reached out to the State in November with no reply. Officer Torres commented enforcement would be an issue, the State Police would have jurisdiction over state property not the City.
 - Mr. McIntyre asked what would be required to move along the Norumbega Park option. The Commissioner stated a proposal would have to be presented to the Conservation Commission. For the next OLAWG meeting Jennifer Steel will be invited to attend and we will bring a map of Norumbega.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am