



Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner

Off-Leash Area Working Group

Friday, March 21, 2014

City Hall, Room 202

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Commissioner DeRubeis, Susan Albright, Amy Koel, Carol Stapleton, Bud Grantham, Ralph Torres, minutes recorded by Carol Schein.

Commissioner DeRubeis opened the meeting.

South High: Susan Albright sent Joe Stembridge, Principal, questions re his preferred/recommended hours for the proposed off-leash area in order to avoid any conflicts with school use, particularly on Brandeis. He is expected to send his response next week. Matt Hill, school committee chairman, is okay with the off-leash area proposed for Brandeis Road (on the side opposite the school) as long as Joe Stembridge, Principal, is behind it. Matt had suggested sending a letter to the School Committee and asking them to docket it for a vote at either the March or April meeting. Their vote will require a letter of support from the principal, a map with the proposed OLA delineated, and a brief project summary. Parks and Recreation will pull together a packet for the school committee to include the project summary, recommended hours, regulations and aerial with the OLA limits shown. It is expected that the principal will then write a support letter to go with it. Ms. Schein will run the proposed plan by Jennifer Steel, Sr. Environmental Planner, to ensure the area does not fall under the jurisdiction of the ConCom.

Hunnewell

Parks and Recreation will have the hole in the fence repaired by our contractor.

Trash Barrels

Next week, P&R needs to discuss with Courtney Forrester, Environmental Affairs, about the possibility of purchasing dog waste litter barrels.

Animal Control Officer

Ralph stated that a new animal control officer had been hired by the Police Department. She will work as an ACO for 6 months of the year, from May through November.

Next meeting: 9:30 a.m. April 4, 2014.