

**Off-Leash Area Working Group**  
**Friday, April 18, 2014**  
**City Hall, Room 202**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Commissioner DeRubeis, Alderman Albright, Amy Koel, Lee McIntyre, ted Kuklinski, Carol Schein

1. NSHS Area
  - Group reviewed letter being sent to School Committee regarding the proposed site at NSHS. Suggestion were made, letter will be updated, and sent to OLAWG members for approval and then sent to the School Committee.
2. Thompsonville Playground
  - The Cabot School PTO is proposing a basketball court at Thompsonville Playground in the same location as the proposed off-leash area. Mr. McIntyre commented he is upset by the betrayal of process. The PTO asked OLAWG to hold off on their proposal so they could work together and now the PTO is going before the Commission to propose the basketball court without any discussion.
  - Alderman Albright stated Bowen School has a long term plan there should be a meeting with Newton Public Schools.
3. New Business
  - Victoria Abbott Riccardi, Resident, attended the meeting and is requesting an area for small dogs. Commissioner DeRubeis explained the process and stated there has been discussion on finding an area for small dogs. Ms. Riccardi offered to help in any way she can. This item will be added to the next agenda for discussion. Alderman Albright suggested meeting with the neighbors of Spears Park to re-open discussion. Spears Park would be a great place for a small dog off-leash area

**Next meeting:** 9:30 a.m. May 2, 2014, Room 202