



Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner

Off-Leash Area Working Group

Friday, March 29, 2013

9:30 a.m., Room 202

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Commissioner DeRubeis, Lee McIntyre, Amy Koel, Ted Kuklinski, Carol Stapleton, Jason Roberts

1. Jason Roberts, Off-Leash Recreation Specialist-Introduction

- Commissioner DeRubeis introduced Jason Roberts, the Off-Leash Recreation Specialist. Jason will be educating users of the off-leash areas and Parks & Recreation land. The Law Dept. is working on an amendment to the ordinance to allow Jason to write citations for violations.
- Mr. Roberts commented he has been to Cabot Park OLA and at Cold Spring Park. The owners, with dogs off-leash on the trails, at Cold Spring Park was at about 50%.
- Commissioner DeRubeis commented that Jason has been collecting data and the information will be put into a spreadsheet. Further discussion of the type of data collected will continue at future meetings. A report will be put together for the April 22 P & R Commission meeting.

2. Cabot Park

Surfacing – Update

- Mr. Kenyon, Friend of Cabot Off-Leash Area has done additional research for surfacing options. A representative from the K9 product is willing to attend an OLAWG meeting to discuss the options. Commissioner DeRubeis asked Mr. Kenyon to invite the representative to the April 19 OLAWG meeting.
- The group discussed plantings along the fence and around the off-leash area. Commissioner DeRubeis will check with Fred Russell in the Water Department about having a water line in the area to water the plantings and cleaning the OLA.

April 22nd Commission Meeting

- Mr. McIntyre stated he is concerned about the April 22nd P & R Commission meeting and the report OLAWG must provide. The noise issue must be addressed. Commissioner DeRubeis stated Carol Schein is researching companies to perform a noise level study.
- Next week the group will discuss limiting the number of dogs and the hours at Cabot Park.

3. New Business

- There was a meeting last night with a few members of the Conservation Commission and OLAWG members to discuss the options for off-leash areas on Conservation Land. The two groups are forming a sub-committee to open up discussion on off-leash areas.

4. Next meeting

- The next meeting is Friday April 05, 2013 at 9:30am in Room 202