



Robert J. DeRubeis  
Commissioner

## Off-Leash Area Working Group

Friday, April 6, 2012

9:30 a.m., Room 202

### Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Commissioner DeRubeis, Planning Director Havens, Officer Torres, Lee McIntyre, Amy Koel, Ted Kuklinski Carol Stapleton

- **Animal Control Specialist**
  - ✓ Commissioner DeRubeis commented the group will revisit hiring an animal control specialist in the upcoming months.
- **Cabot Park Maintenance – Update**
  - ✓ The hydro seeding is on schedule. The park will be closed for a few weeks.
- **Review of available areas**
  - ✓ No discussion on this item.
- **New Business**
  - ✓ Ms. Koel proposed scheduling dog training class as part of the education portion of the off-leash area program. After a discussion the group recommended the following:
    - The program will be run through the Parks & Recreation Department. Ms. Koel will be the program leader.
    - There will be on-line registration and a waiting list.
    - There will be no fee for the program. Donations may be accepted for the off-leash area program.
    - The program is described as a “refresher course on basic training techniques and off-leash area etiquette”
    - The pilot program will be offered to off-leash medallion holders. If there is a demand the group will discuss opening the program to others.
    - The Law Department must review the proposal.
  - ✓ Mr. Sanders recommended the group discuss dog free zones.
- **Next meeting**
  - ✓ The next meeting is Friday, April 20, 2012 at 9:30 am, Room 202, in City Hall.
  - ✓ There is no meeting scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted

*Robin McLaughlin, Secretary*