



Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner

Off-Leash Area Working Group

Friday, November 16, 2012

9:30 a.m., Room 202

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Commissioner DeRubeis, Officer Torres, Lee McIntyre, Amy Koel, Carol Schein, Carol Stapleton

1. Cold Spring Park

- Commissioner DeRubeis has been asked to attend the December Newton Highlands Area Council meeting to discuss the Cold Spring Park off-leash area. The Council has also been invited to attend the OLAWG meetings. Possible discussion topics: potential line of site barriers, signage, trail signs and enforcement.

2. Cabot Park resident- Cathy Matero

- Cathy Matero and Elaine Lewis were in attendance to discuss issues at the Cabot Park off-leash area. Ms. Matero commented she loves dogs and was originally in favor of the dog park. The issues at the park are the constant dog barking starting as early as 5:30am. Ms. Matero has approached the owners of the dogs and has been ignored or given a hard time by the owner. The other issue is the owners yelling at the dogs to stop barking and the dogs do not follow the command. There is constant dog barking and owners yelling, it is difficult to enjoy sitting out in the yard or even in the house with the windows open.
- After some discussion, Commissioner DeRubeis thanked Ms. Matero & Ms. Lewis for attending the meeting and wants them to know the group will work with them to resolve the issues. A part-time off-leash recreation area specialist is close to being hired to help with these issues.

3. Next meeting

- There is no meeting on Friday, November 23. The next meeting is Friday November 30 at 9:30am in Room 202

Respectfully Submitted

Robin McLaughlin, Secretary