

North Yarmouth Parks and Recreation

Minutes

May 6, 2021

In Attendance: Robert Abbott, Anne Lang, Scott Kerr, Ted Danforth, Steven Palmer

I. Called to Order 6:32

II. Minutes approved (unanimous online)

III. New Business

1. Thanks were expressed to Anne and Draven for their fine work in running the May 5th forum.

2. Bob expressed disappointment with how the latter part of the forum request by Steve to add an option of morning off leash time at the parks took away from the general success of the forum.

3. The committee worked with Draven to update the Regulations for the Use of Parks and Recreation Areas Ordinance and the Animal Control Ordinance.

a. The updates were reflective of the input provided by participants of the May 5th Forum and letters submitted by users of the parks.

4. It was proposed that alternating days for on-leash only at Old Town House Park and Chandler Brook Preserve. The days proposed are cited in the documents for presentation to the select board and for the public hearing.

- a. Vote 4-0 in favor of the proposal.
- b. Draven will provide the updated changes to both ordinances as part of the minutes of this meeting.

5. Baston Park will be leash only at all times

6. Wescustogo Park, the Eleanor Hayes Town Forest, the Sam Ristich Trail and Knight's Pond will be parks where dogs may be off leash at all time.

7. It was agreed to consider signage that will explain the rules for dogs on and off leash at each park. Baston Park may require a kiosk or other means to post signage.

8. Other parks are under the management of the town manager, such as Sharp's Field and the Village Green.

a. Draven will research the Wescustogo Hall and Community Center property for who is responsible to supervise its use.

9. An additional kiosk will be required at Chandler Brook Preserve to alert the public that the lower north field is a conservation area where no dogs and horses are allowed.

10. The limit of three dogs by an owner will be included in the Parks and Recreation ordinance.

11. A 200 foot dog on leash zone was discussed but it was decided not to pursue such a restriction at this time.

IV. Anne will attend the select board meeting of May 18th to respond to questions at the public hearings on the two ordinances. Other committee members are invited.

V. Round Robin:

1. Scott Kerr asked that it be okay to go ahead and mow the pathways at EHTF. Anyone is invited to help. He was encouraged to proceed.

2. Anne thanked those involved in the milkweed project.

3. Next Meeting June 2nd. It was not decided if it would be live or by ZOOM. Anne is starting Wednesday night volleyball.

VI. Meeting adjourned: 7:27

Recorded by Steven Palmer