

Town of Montville Dog Park Committee
Meeting minutes for Thursday, January 29, 2015
2:00 p.m. – Fair Oaks Community Center – Library

1. Call to order:

2:04pm

2. Roll Call:

Committee members present were Chris Lawton and Joe Berarde.
Also present was Pete Bushway P&R Director.

3. Adjustments to the agenda:

None

4. Remarks from the Public regarding items on the agenda with a three-minute limit:

None

5. New Business

a. Update status as to where we are with establishing a dog park:

Chris Lawton reviewed that the dog park proposal was approved by both the P&R Commission and the Town Council. Then the P&R Commission approved the creation of this committee.

Chris has talked with Town Clerk, Lisa Terry, to make sure the committee follows all the correct procedures and timelines.

Chris has also talked with Terry Hart to confirm there will be a way for the committee to raise funds for the establishment of a park, which can be deposited and held within the town accounts and be designated for The Dog Park only. This allows us to have full transparency will all money raised.

b. Chair positions that need to be filled; Recording Sec, Fundraising, Community Outreach, ect:

Chris will take on Committee Chair and Recording Secretary. No other positions have yet been filled

c. Finance situation: fundraising, donations, grants. Accounting with Finance Dept:

Committee Chair Chris explained how last year we missed the opportunity for two grants, but we will need to look for any that may be available for this year.

Fundraising ideas included selling pavers for an entrance sidewalk, selling ad space on the park fence (similar to sport field signs), Hosting an event such as a dinner show, and Dog wash day.

d. Community Outreach/ volunteers:

Chris ask if anyone had knowledge or contacts at any community groups where we can ask to help spread the word and ask for volunteers. Pete and Joe offered several groups that we could approach.

6. Set next meeting date and time:

Tuesday, February 17, 2015. Time to be set later

7. Adjournment:

2:38pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Lawton