

**Town of Montville Dog Park Committee
Minutes from Monday, November 23, 2015
6:00 p.m. – Fair Oaks Community Center – Rm. 113**

1. Call to order

18:04

2. Roll Call

Chris Lawton, Patty Williamson, Melissa Clark

3. Adjustments to the agenda

none

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

none

5. Old Business

Chris updated the status on one of the grant applications Derek applied for. It was a negative. The cash can at the Quaker Hill Package Store has collected \$86. We need to look into placing more around town.

6. New Business

a. Craft fair Review

The Craft Fair was big success! We raised \$1206; break down was \$740 spot fees, \$300 raffle, \$147 concession sales, \$19 donations.

We also made contact with many new people interested in helping our cause. We reached both of our goals, fundraising and community awareness.

Several vendors had asked if we would plan another event.

We would like to thank Melissa for organizing this event. We would like to thank Scott LaVallie for his time and hotdog machine. We would like to thank all volunteers who helped; Chris, Derek, Lisa, Pete and Scott.

Melissa discussed that if we were to plan a follow up event, she would like to plan an outdoor event, possibly next summer. The committee will take up the idea at a later time. It was also suggested to possibly sell Christmas ornaments at a future fair.

b. Trick or Trunk review

Chris and Patty (in her dog suit) distributed candy with “mini-flyers” attached. This helped spread the word about our committee and about the Craft Fair.

c. Tag sale room dates

We have two dates left this year for the Community Tag sale at Fair Oaks. November 29th and December 13th. Next years dates have been scheduled.

d. Next fundraising events

Chris suggested organizing a “large prize” raffle for our next fundraiser. He suggested we talk more with Derek who planned a similar event for another group. Chris Lynch stated he could ask at his employer, Mohegan Sun, about donations for a raffle.

Another volunteer, who was not present, talked about possibly planning a dinner and a show event and donate the proceeds for the dog park. Chris will try to follow up with the

volunteer.

Dorrie Scovise asked about Car magnets or sickers. Both she and Melissa will look into pricing for this items.

e. Town Parade

Yvette and Scott Herman have volunteered to use their truck and decorate it to represent the Montville Dog Park. Patty will walk beside them in her dog costume. Dorrie Scovish stated she could make up some fliers to distribute during the parade, and then post them a local businesses as well.

f. Community Outreach/ volunteers

Although Chris had reached out to several groups and invited them to the craft fair, only the Pack 67 cub scouts attended. He will continue to reach out to more groups.

Chris will look into a new “dog location” on Rt 82, possibly in Bozrah. It was suggested the Chris also visit Dr Giles at the Norwich Animal Hosptial, as he would likely be a suppoet for the park.

g. New members

Through the two recent public events, Trick-or-trunk and Craft Fair, we have reached many people interested in help establish the dog park. Attending the meeting this evening we had 8 new volunteers, six that were unable to make it, and two committee members absent. This brings our total of active volunteers up to 20 people.

We must continue this growth.

7. Set next meeting date and time

Tentatively set for Monday January 11, 2016

8. Adjournment

19:05