

Watson Upper Valley Dog Park Board Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2019, 7 PM, Hartford Town Hall

Present:

Jessica Keene, Lorna Ricard, Anne Rodia, Scott Hausler, Mary Mills, Jerry Pendleton, Scott Ferriter
Dog representatives Elsa and Bobby

Meeting convened at 7:05 PM

Topics

1. Main Gate: Jerry stated folks are still circumnavigating the gate. He described the vandalism to the vehicle access gate to big dog park, and stated that folks are climbing dog park fence to get in with their pups.
2. The padlock on main gate is often opened. Jerry and Scott Hausler both explained the key for the padlock is a common universal key. They do not recommend any changes.
3. Trash bags: Scott Hausler will order bags for Hartford Parks & Recreation and for the Upper Valley Dog Park. Our portion of the order will come from our separate budget.
4. Enfield is open, Jess explained.
5. Wooden Barricades: Jerry explained that they will be moved. This will enable snow removal and snow storage area.
6. Jerry would like to step down this year as maintenance person.
7. Jerry tried to make a berm inside park to redirect the water drainage
8. Our next quarterly meeting is first of April. We expect May 4 will be clean-up day. Park will open in the afternoon.
9. It was suggested we have a brown bag raffle on clean-up day to attract helpers. Other means to entice folks is have pizza and Dunkin' Donuts coffee. This event needs to be on Facebook. It should also be posted on the NH/VT Upper Valley Facebook
10. Our membership committee so far has raised \$650 for 2019. A third of the memberships are new members. We need to have a firm date for when memberships lapse and make that transparent proactively. We can grandparent those who signed up in October 2018. "Where will we post this info to reach our members" discussion. It should be clear in the recruitment letter and have Karen post on the Hartford web site, and post on UVDP Facebook
11. Fund raising ideas:
 - A. Enfield bake sale is a concept with dog and people items for sale.
 - B. Recruiting sponsors in general would help.
 - C. Calendar: Do we want to continue, is this a sponsor venue?
 - D. Lee working on Rotary donation? Anything new to report? Shelter chance?
 - E. Having a dog show, UVDP dog show?
 - F. Anne Rodia suggested T-shirts as a fund raising idea
12. Dogs on Parade: Should we ask to be included in Hartford Alumni parade this summer? Kristen Connors is the contact person. Jess will research.
13. Jerry states the donation of Lebanon crushed stone was stopped for want of a truck
14. Mowing: Jess will see if posting on VT/NH Facebook can help recruit someone

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM

Signed By: _____

Date: _____