

DOG CONTROL BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES MARCH 28, 2011

Attendees

Susan Hogan
George Moore
James Cullen
Tom Delaney
Mike Bouchard

Minutes

- Discussed the dog situation at Groton Place/Bird Sanctuary (aka the “Dog Park”) with Ansel Moore , a volunteer with New England Forestry Foundation. Ansel indicated that communication is the most important thing they have done to obtain ~70% compliance with their dog rules. They do have non-compliance issues at the park, but have chosen not to perform strict enforcement. They do have incidents of dog incidents (with people and other dogs) , but they are not common. Ansel had no “silver bullets” to share with the Committee.
- Committee executed a final review of proposed changes. Draft as presented was accepted.
- Discussed next steps:
 - Circulate the draft bylaw for public input. Each member will forward to interested parties of whom they are aware. Mike will post on the web site for general comments once initial feedback has been received, and issue a press release..
 - Review a revised recommendation with Town Counsel
 - Conduct public information sessions
 - Prepare a recommendation for town meeting
 - Develop a communications plan for a revised or non-revised bylaw

Attachments

- Draft bylaw with Committee-recommended modifications
- Summary of changes