



Message

Mon, Jan 08, 2018 9:12 AM

From:  "edie fruscione" <jackemara@verizon.net>
To:  jross@westfordma.gov
Cc:  **Greg Johnson**  eheideman@westfordma.gov

Subject: BOS Agenda

Attachments:  BOS Agenda for January 9.docx / Uploaded File (14K)
 Comparison between Gage and Farmer Way.pdf / Uploaded File (87K)
 Traffic Impact Study.pdf / Uploaded File (99K)

After two hours of deliberation, the DPTF came to the decision to recommend Farmer way as the most suitable option for a dog park. Despite earlier opposition from the School Committee we believe that their concerns have been and can be addressed. It further recommends that Gage Lane be removed from consideration for the following reasons. It would not be large enough for a town with nearly 3,000 dogs and parking could be a major challenge at times. The site does not lend itself to expansion and timing precludes knowing whether or not there is a water issue in the Spring as has been suggested by the neighbors. We do not want a park that has considerable potential for failure. Thank you

To: Jodi Ross and the Board of Selectmen

From: Dog Park Task Force, Edie Fruscione, Chairman

Re: Gage Lane and Farmer Way

Date: January 9, 2018

The Dog Park Task Force met Saturday to discuss the addition of Farmer Way to the Agenda relating to where and if a dog park is to be developed in Westford. Farmer Way has always been a highly favored location and we thank the Board for this opportunity to revisit the pros and cons of this site as compared to Gage Lane.

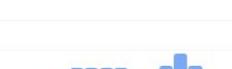
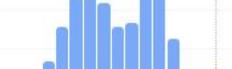
In light of the information we have set out herein as an attachment the following votes were taken

MOVED: THAT THE DOG PARK TASK FORCE SUPPORTS THE FARMER WAY PARCEL AS THEIR FIRST CHOICE FOR USE AS A DOG PARK AS IT BEST MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH BY THE TASK FORCE.

MOTION: THAT THE TASK FORCE WITHDRAWS SUPPORT OF THE GAGE LANE PROPERTY FOR USE AS A DOG PARK DUE TO POTENTIAL WATER CONCERNS AND THE OVERALL SIZE RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PARKING LOT AND THE DOG PARK AREA. VOTED 7-1

Over the past eight months the DPTF has reported to the BOS (in the form of memos, surveys, meetings, land walks and more meetings), numerous recommendations with regard to the location of a dog park. It has formed a non-profit to operate the dog park. It has formed and then reformed itself to endure the process while interest from the community has not wavered. During the holidays we passed a milestone of 500 dog owners on our Facebook page.

In summary, the Dog Park Task Force is recommending that the BOS approve 2-3 acres of land for a dog park on Parcel 0000000 on Farmer Way to be designed and built with a combination of CPC and fundraising monies and town employee skills and equipment. We can be good neighbors to the greater Stoney Brook area. It is the only remaining acceptable parcel and there is no evidence that suggests that dog parks bring either crime or a bad element to the area, in fact a study in 2013 of a neighborhood in Seattle suggests just the contrary and another study suggests that dog parks can increase property values as more and more people live with dogs. This park can be built on a trial basis much as has been suggested for Gage Lane and we hope that you will support this request.

Traffic history from existing dog parks	EX:	Chelmsford 40 car lot	Maynard 10 car lot	
Traffic Impact: Sunday				These are proportional histograms from Google
Traffic Impact: Monday				Note: Weekday usage is predominately after 3 pm at both parks.
Traffic impact: Tuesday				
Traffic Impact: Wednesday				
Traffic Impact: Thursday				
Traffic Impact: Friday				
Traffic Impact: Saturday				

Potential Dog Park Locations - Comparison

<i>Considerations</i>		Farmer's Way	Gage Lane	
Sufficient park land available		<i>yes (1+ acres)</i>	<i>no (.6 acre)</i>	
Sufficient parking space		<i>Yes (30+ cars)</i>	<i>maybe, if buffer is removed (15 - 22 cars)</i>	
Buffer from abutters		<i>Yes (trees and 100+ft, set back - 5 houses on Unicorn Dr.)</i>	<i>Maybe (If parking spaces not increased) One renter adjacent several across Old Lowell</i>	
Safe access road		<i>Yes clear sight lines</i>	<i>Maybe (depends on whether driveway comes off Gage or Old Lowell. Gage is narrow and Old Lowell has more traffic and less clear sight lines)</i>	
Currently under care and custody of		<i>Selectman</i>	<i>Selectman/Town Forest</i>	
Handicapped accessible		<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	
Ground water nearby		<i>no</i>	<i>yes</i>	
Well nearby		<i>Maybe (Stonybrook School?)</i>	<i>yes (private)</i>	

Other recreation nearby		<i>yes sport fields, tennis courts, basketball courts and rack utilized by schools and town</i>	<i>no</i>	
School nearby		<i>Yes (gr.6-8)</i>	<i>no</i>	
Existing public access		<i>Yes public road with sidewalk</i>	<i>Minimal (Gage Ln. is used to access a few homes owned by Westford residents at the far end of the lane and several Chelmsford residents.</i>	
Walking trails nearby		<i>Yes (E.B.C.)</i>	<i>Yes (Town Forest)</i>	
Tree clearing for parking needed		<i>no</i>	<i>some</i>	
Tree clearing for fenced area needed		<i>some</i>	<i>some</i>	
<p>Noise: A dog bark is roughly 70-80dB (about the same as a human conversation)</p> <p>NOTE: Dogs at a park are less likely to bark than dogs who are bored at home.</p>		<p>Minimal: assuming 100 foot buffer to neighboring houses along with natural slope</p>	<p>Minimal: given neighboring houses are over 100 feet away and there is a natural berm</p>	<p>Sound from a single source (i.e., a point source) radiates uniformly outward as it travels away from the source in a spherical pattern. The sound level attenuates (or drops off) at a rate of 6 dBA for each doubling of distance. For acoustically absorptive, or soft, sites (i.e., sites with an absorptive ground surface, such as soft dirt, grass, or scattered bushes and trees), an excess ground attenuation value of 1.5 dBA per doubling of distance is normally assumed.</p>



**TOWN OF WESTFORD
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER**

TOWN HALL
55 Main Street
WESTFORD, MA 01886
Telephone (978) 692-5501 Fax (978) 399-2557

December 21, 2017

Dear Residents:

The town's Dog Park Task Force is proposing a potential location to establish a dog park during an upcoming public meeting of the Board of Selectmen. You are receiving this notice as an abutter or nearby / homeowner to the location off of Gage Road.

We have attached a map of the proposed location for a dog park, listed as follows
(shown as parcel ID number and address):

018 0066 0000 Gage Road and Old Lowell Road intersection

The Board of Selectmen is scheduled to review the proposed location during their meeting on January 9, 2018 at 7:40PM, in the meeting room at Town Hall, 55 Main Street. More information about the Board of Selectmen, including meeting agendas and minutes, may be found at:
www.westfordma.gov/297/Board-of-Selectmen

For questions concerning the meeting, please contact Greg Johnson in my office at 978-692-5501 or via email at gregjohnson@westfordma.gov.

Sincerely,

Jodi Ross
Town Manager



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Message

Wed, Jan 03, 2018 9:50 AM

From:  "edie fruscione" <jackemara@verizon.net>

To:  **Greg Johnson**

Subject: BOS meeting

Due to the impending storm I've had to move our Thursday meeting to Saturday morning so there will not be anything from the DPTF for the BOS on Friday. I'll send forward something on Monday am and you can use your judgement as to whether it is worth sending forward at the last minute to them.

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Edie Fruscione, Chairman

Re: Town Forest/Gage Lane

Date: December 19, 2017

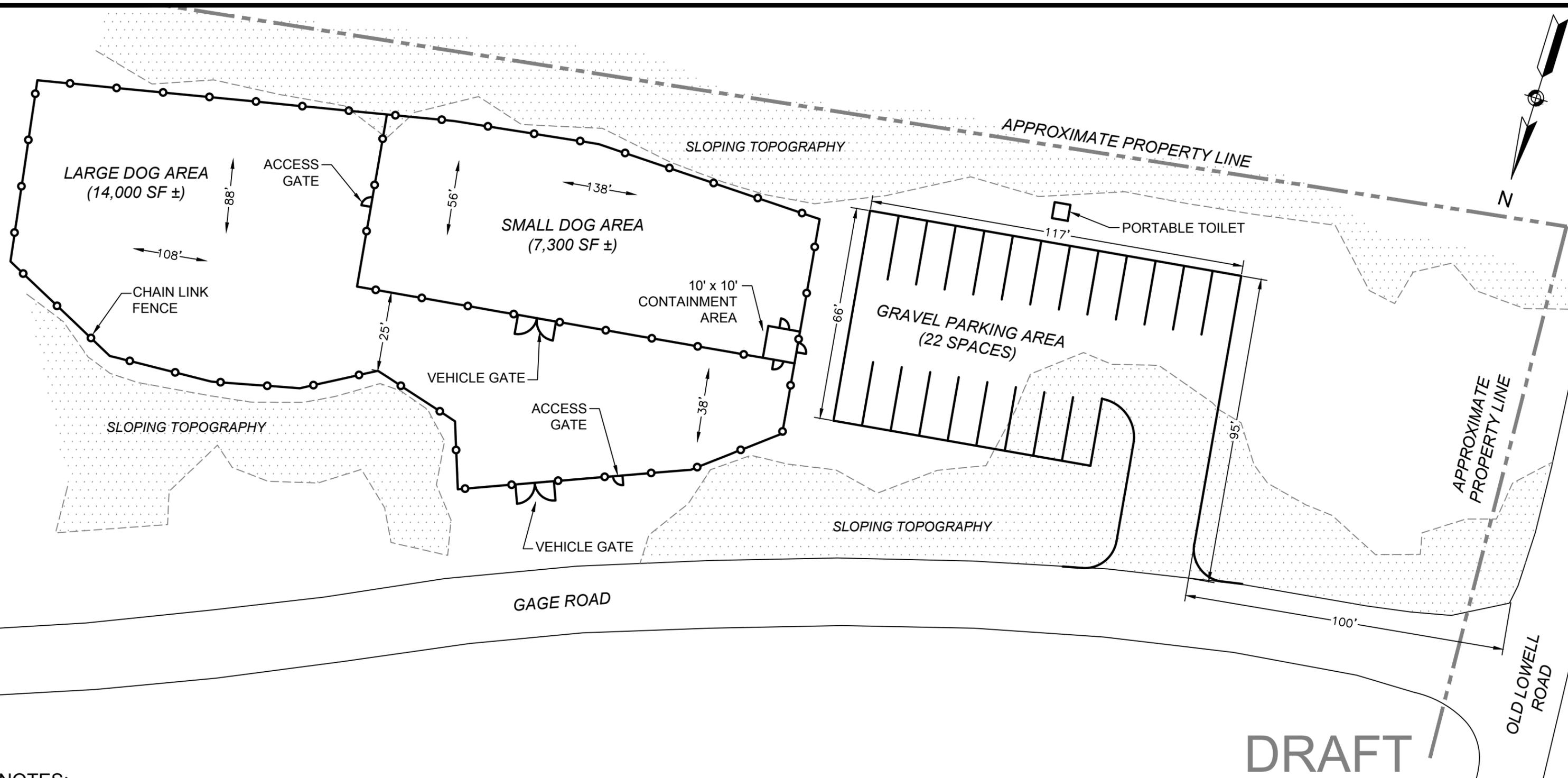
It is with considerable excitement that the Dog Park Task Force requests that the members of the Board of Selectmen approve land on Gage Lane for a Dog Park. Members of the DPTF attended a recent meeting of the Town Forest Committee at which time they voted 2-1 to enter into a one year agreement for a piece of land at the corner of Gage and Old Lowell Road. This location had been disturbed for town use in the past and is therefore not original forest land. An opinion from Town Counsel was secured prior to their vote that determined that this location was an approved use of Town Forest land.

The Town Forest Committee expects a land swap for this arrangement which is under negotiations with the Town Manager.

While we have come to always expect pushback from abutters there is only one property that is a direct abutter and we will endeavor to leave a buffer between their property and the park. Our preliminary design is somewhat rectangular in shape running along the roadway with the parking lot for approximately twenty five cars entered off Gage Lane. When we made this parcel our top choice we liked the fact that it can be accessed from two different parts of town therefore mitigating traffic from just one direction.

We anticipate requesting funds from the Community Preservation Committee in an amount yet to be determined. They had previously approved \$25,000 as the entry amount to secure grant funding, but this Dog Park will be built with local funds and town department support. The Town Engineer is securing bids for fencing, expected to be the single largest expense. Friends of the Westford Dog Park are engaged in building a platform to secure pledges prior to Town Meeting that would be used to assist with some construction costs and on-going operations.

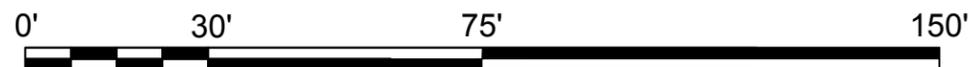
We thank the Town Manager and her entire staff for the time they have extended to us in the last few weeks to get us to this great place in the push for a dog park in Westford.



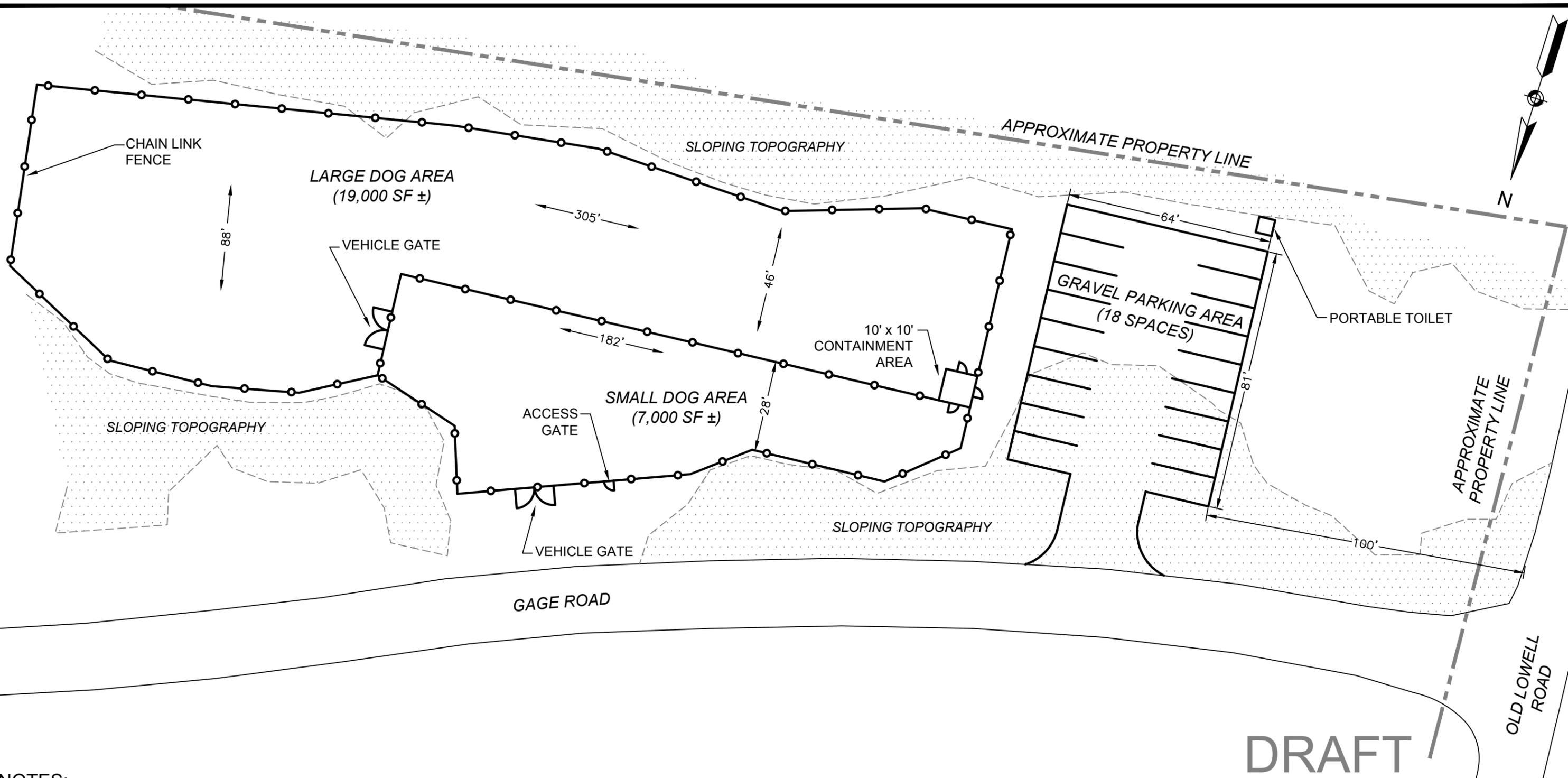
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NOTES:

- TOTAL FENCE ENCLOSURE = 21,300 SF ± (0.49 ACRES ±)
- TOTAL LENGTH OF FENCE = 900'±
- THE LOCATION OF CHAIN LINK FENCE SHOWN IS CONSIDERED APPROXIMATE. THE ACTUAL FENCE AND GATE LOCATIONS WOULD BE DETERMINED IN THE FIELD AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION BASED ON EXISTING TREES AND TOPOGRAPHY.

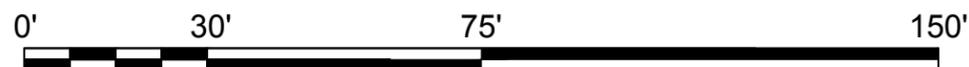


CONCEPT #1		
PROPOSED DOG PARK GAGE ROAD		
TOWN OF WESTFORD ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT 28 NORTH STREET WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS		DRAWN BY: JRD <hr/> DATE: 12/11/17



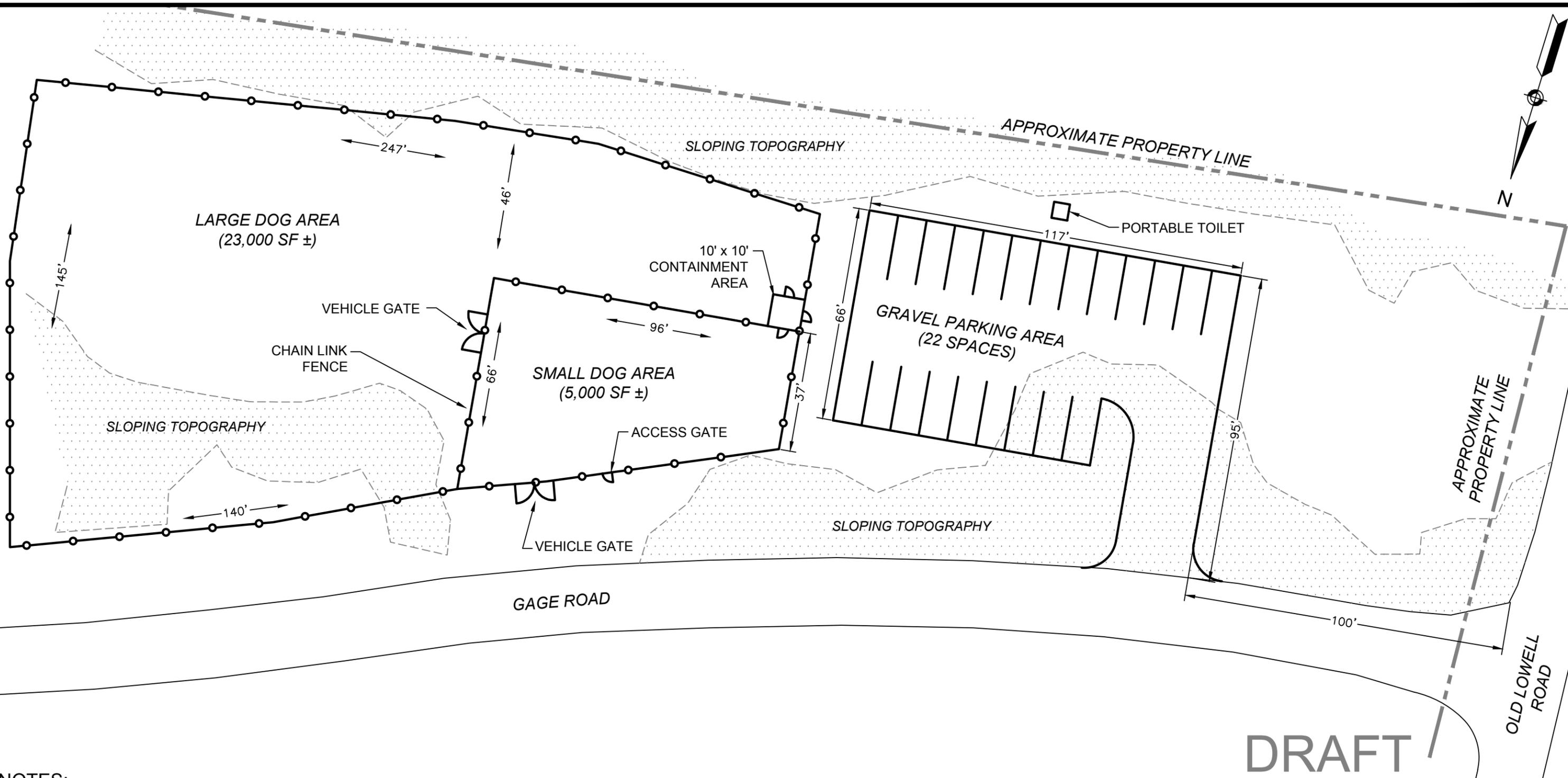
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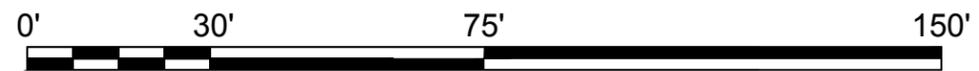
CONCEPT #2		
PROPOSED DOG PARK GAGE ROAD		
TOWN OF WESTFORD ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT 28 NORTH STREET WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS		DRAWN BY: JRD <hr/> DATE: 12/11/17



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NOTES:

- TOTAL FENCE ENCLOSURE = 28,000 SF ± (0.64 ACRES ±)
- TOTAL LENGTH OF FENCE = 900'±
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CONCEPT #3		
PROPOSED DOG PARK GAGE ROAD		
TOWN OF WESTFORD ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT 28 NORTH STREET WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS		DRAWN BY: JRD <hr/> DATE: 12/11/17



Message

Thu, Dec 14, 2017 6:04 PM

From: "Gozzo, James S." <jgozzo@mitre.org>
To: **Greg Johnson**
Cc: "hulin127@verizon.net" <hulin127@verizon.net>
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 pstarrett@westfordma.gov

Subject: RE: Town Forest Committee comments RE Gage Road dog park p...

Greg,
The Town Forest Committee just concluded our meeting this afternoon and Edie F of the Dog Park Task Force was in attendance.

We reviewed the three BoS parcels mentioned as possible swaps in the Town Manager's email and our preference is the Allie Lane parcel. Its adjacent to lots of town land and another forest parcel.

We also reviewed our draft of an MOA and we expect to be able to share our draft document next week.

We scanned the three dog park plans from the Town Engineer's office (concepts #1, 2 and 3) and have no concerns with any of them.

Hugh and Chip will probably not be able to attend the BoS meeting scheduled for 19 December, but I plan on being there.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call at 978-340-2908.

See you next Tuesday, take care,
-Jim Gozzo

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From: Greg Johnson <gregjohnson@westfordma.gov>
Date: Wednesday, Dec 13, 2017, 11:30
To: Gozzo, James S. <jgozzo@mitre.org>

Cc: hulin127@verizon.net <hulin127@verizon.net>, rbarrett@westfordma.gov <rbarrett@westfordma.gov>
Subject: Re: Town Forest Committee comments RE Gage Road dog park proposal

Jim,

Thanks for the quick reply. Please send me the results of the Town Forest Committee meeting regarding the dog park afterwards.

Attached is the property information from the Assessors Office.

Below are the links to documents in our record keeping system online:

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Greg

Gregory W. Johnson
Project/Procurement Specialist (978) 692-5501
Town Manager's Office, Westford, MA

"Gozzo, James S." <jgozzo@mitre.org> writes:

Hi Greg,

I can't speak for the whole Town Forest Committee by myself, but we already have a public meeting posted for tomorrow afternoon at 3:30PM at the Highway Department Garage – you're welcome to attend. The Dog Park is already on our agenda, so we can discuss pretty much anything with respect to the dog park at the meeting and you can hear from the whole Town Forest Committee.

If you have any information concerning the BoS land exchange that would be helpful to the Committee.

-Jim

From: Greg Johnson [<mailto:gregjohnson@westfordma.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Gozzo, James S. <jgozzo@mitre.org>
Cc: hulin127@verizon.net; Richard Barrett <rbarrett@westfordma.gov>
Subject: Town Forest Committee comments RE Gage Road dog park proposal

Jim,

The Board of Selectmen are scheduled to hear the request from the Dog Park Task Force to support a location for a dog park at the Gage Road and Lowell Road intersection of a town forest

land (item from Tuesday night's 12/19 meeting agenda below):

- **Request support from the Dog Park Task Force to locate a dog park on Gage Road at the Lowell Road intersection at parcel ID # 018 0066 0000**

-Edie Fruscione, Chair, Dog Park Task Force

Attached are comments from the Task Force, conceptual drawings from the Town Engineers, and a notice to abutters about the meeting.

Could you provide me comments in response to the request for the Selectmen to consider as well?

Please excuse the late request, but I would need any input by tomorrow so I can upload the materials to the meeting's online packet.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks for your cooperation,

Greg

Gregory W. Johnson
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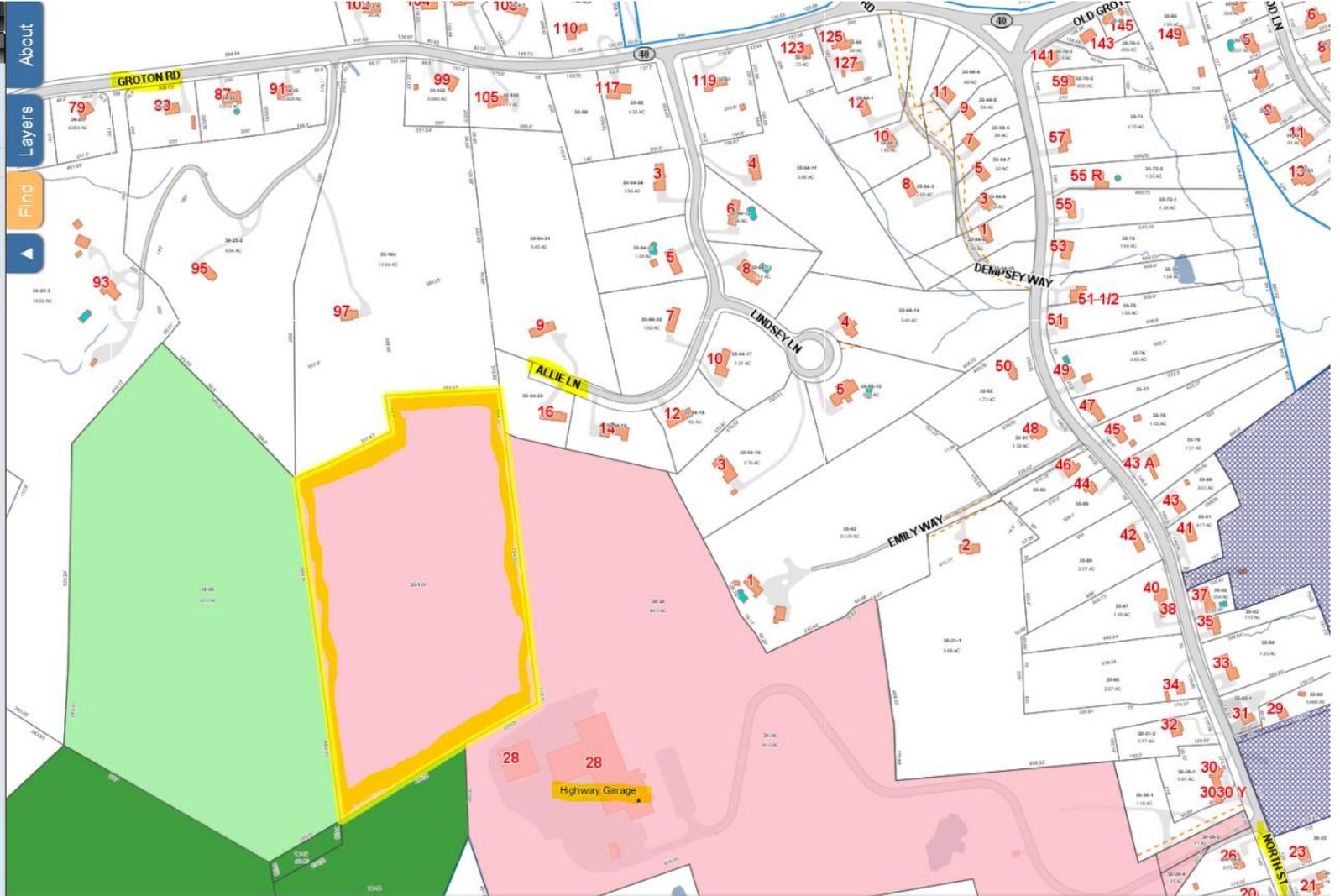
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Detail Information [Zoom To](#)

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Address	GROTON RD
Owner	TOWN OF WESTFORD
Assessor Record	Open
Property Lookup Tool	Open
Condo Unit	
NBC	R1
LUC	930
Owner2	BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Full Mailing Address	55 MAIN STREET
Mailing Address City, Sta	WESTFORD, MA 01886
Legal Reference	24859-283
Sale Date	2011-03-24
Grantor Last Name	GRANITE HILL ESTATES, LL
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Primary Floors	
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November 20, 2017

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Ms. Jodi Ross
Town Manager
Westford Town Hall
55 Main Street
Westford, MA 01886

Re: Dog Park in the Martina Gage Town Forest

Dear Ms. Ross:

You have requested an opinion whether a dog park may be located within the Martina Gage Town Forest (the “Town Forest”), and specifically, whether the proposed use is consistent with Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution (“Article 97”), which, in my opinion, governs the uses that may be made of the Town Forest. The dog park, you have advised, will be approximately one acre in size. A temporary fence will be installed. A few trees will be removed, and there will be some bulldozing to flatten the area. A small dirt parking area will be created. I further understand that the area where the dog park will be situated is not ideally suited for forestry, as at some point (prior to the Town’s acquisition of the property), gravel was placed on the ground. You further report that the Martina Gage Town Forest is, in addition to forestry, currently used for recreational purposes, and contains a number of hiking trails.

In my opinion, a dog park is consistent with the uses that are permitted under Article 97, and the Town may determine to use a portion of the Town Forest for this purpose. In my further opinion, the Town Manager, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, which has “custody and control” of the Town Forest, may determine to develop a dog park at the Town Forest, subject to a Town Meeting vote appropriating any necessary funds.

Town Forest - Background

The majority of the Town Forest, which contains approximately 75 acres, was acquired by the Town through the will of Martina Gage, who bequeathed all of her real estate situated outside of Lowell to the city or town in which the property was located. At a Town Meeting held on February 17, 1936, it was voted unanimously under Article 13 that the Town accept the devise of the land located in Westford, and that the Town Clerk be authorized and instructed to notify the executors of the estate of the action by the Town. Four years later, Town Meeting voted under Article 10 of the February 19, 1940 Town Meeting, to sell portions of the Gage property, and that the balance retained “be placed under the Town Forest Act according to the General Laws, said land also to be used as a

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Town Manager
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Game Preserve.” The 1940 vote, in my opinion, served to dedicate this land as a public domain, and, by referencing the applicable statute as the “Town Forest Act,” the Town indicated its intention that the land be devoted to the culture of forest trees, as provided in G.L. c. 45, §19. Under G.L. c. 45, §21, it is my understanding that the Board of Selectmen have appointed a special town forest committee to manage and care for that portion of the public domain known as the town forest.

The remaining portion of the Town Forest, approximately 4 acres, was obtained as a gift from Middlesex County 4-H Fairs, by a deed dated March 6, 1967, recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 1788, Page 547, in accordance with the vote taken under Article 40 of the March 11, 1967 Annual Town Meeting.

Applicability of Article 97

Article 97 was approved on November 7, 1972, and applies retroactively. It states, in relevant part, that “[t]he people shall have the right to clean air and water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of their environment; and the protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources is hereby declared to be a public purpose.” Article 97 further provides that “[l]ands and easements taken or acquired for such purposes shall not be used for other purposes or otherwise disposed of except by laws enacted by a two thirds vote, taken by yeas and nays, of each branch of the general court.”

In essence, Article 97 provides that if a municipality acquires land for a purpose protected under Article 97, it may not convey that land or change its use without a two-thirds roll call vote of each house of the Legislature. Recent cases have held that Article 97 may also apply to land that, after its original acquisition, is expressly dedicated to purposes protected under Article 97. See Mahajan v. Department of Environmental Protection, 464 Mass. 604 (2013).

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 45, Section 19 states that a town may, by a two thirds vote, determine to acquire land within its limits, which shall be a public domain. “Such public domain shall be devoted to the culture of forest trees, or to the preservation of the water supply of such . . . town.” In my opinion, both of these purposes, the culture of trees, and the preservation of water supply property, are uses protected by Article 97. Accordingly, in my further opinion, the Town Forest is subject to Article 97.

Uses Permitted Upon Article 97 Property

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) plays a significant role in determining the applicability of and in construing Article 97. EOEEA administers programs, such as the LAND and PARC Grants, and in regulations regarding these programs, defines “passive

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outdoor recreation” as an “outdoor activity that occurs in a natural setting with minimum disturbance of the natural and cultural resources . . . that is consistent with quiet enjoyment of the land.” 301 CMR 5.02. Uses such as walking, hiking, cross country skiing, horseback riding, bird watching, trail biking, nature study and hunting are routinely allowed in conservation restrictions approved by the Secretary of the EOEEA. Snowmobiling may even be considered as a passive recreational use, if the municipality determines that it is compatible with other activities. Moreover, the regulations provide that facilities necessary to support these activities may include parking areas and woods roads.

A dog park promotes recreation, play and physical activity, which purposes Article 97 seeks to support. The Town anticipates minimal disturbance to the natural landscape. The Town Forest is currently used for recreation, as the site of walking and hiking trails. A dog park, in my opinion, fits squarely within the passive recreational uses cited by EOEEA, and, as such, is a use compatible with Article 97, and may be permitted within the Town Forest property.

I also note that, in my opinion, the Board of Selectmen has custody and control over the Town Forest land, even though the Town Forest is managed by a Town Forest Committee, as required under G.L. c. 45, §21. All real estate not by law or by vote of the Town placed in the “charge” of any particular board, officer or department, shall be under the control of the Board of Selectmen. G.L. c. 40, §3. In my opinion, G.L. c. 45, §21 does not transfer the custody and control of the Town Forest, it merely delegates responsibility for the management and care of the property. Accordingly, the determination as to the use of the Town Forest for a dog park would reside with the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Town Manager.

Please contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Katharine Lord Klein

KLK/jsh

597311/WSFD/0129



Notice to Abutters Copy

**TOWN OF WESTFORD
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER**

TOWN HALL
55 Main Street
WESTFORD, MA 01886
Telephone (978) 692-5501 Fax (978) 399-2557

December 11, 2017

Dear Residents:

The town's Dog Park Task Force is proposing a potential location to establish a dog park during an upcoming public meeting of the Board of Selectmen. You are receiving this notice as an abutter or nearby / homeowner to the location off of Gage Road.

We have attached a map of the proposed location for a dog park, listed as follows
(shown as parcel ID number and address):

018 0066 0000 Gage Road and Old Lowell Road intersection

The Board of Selectmen is scheduled to review the proposed location during their meeting on December 19, 2017 at 7:45PM, in the meeting room at Town Hall, 55 Main Street. More information about the Board of Selectmen, including meeting agendas and minutes, may be found at: www.westfordma.gov/297/Board-of-Selectmen

For questions concerning the meeting, please contact Greg Johnson in my office at 978-692-5501 or via email at gregjohnson@westfordma.gov.

Sincerely,

Jodi Ross
Town Manager

TOWN OF WESTFORD
TOWN FOREST
55 MAIN ST
WESTFORD, MA 01886

GREENWOOD (LE) DONALD E
GREENWOOD (TBE) CARLTON
3 GREENWOOD RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

GREENWOOD CARLTON A &
4 GREENWOOD RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

GREENWOOD DONALD E JR
GREENWOOD EVELYN
10 GREENWOOD RD
PO BOX 784
WESTFORD, MA 01886

ROBBINS DANA
ROBBINS BONNIE
12 GREENWOOD RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

GREENWOOD CARLTON A
GREENWOOD CATHERINE A
4 GREENWOOD RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

MIDDLESEX COUNTY 4-H
C/O BETH DUBRAWSKI
PO BOX 352
WESTFORD, MA 01886

SWYGART BRETT J
SWYGART JILL E
91 OLD LOWELL RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

STELLA ROBERT
89 OLD LOWELL RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

LOCONTE GREGORY M
LOCONTE JANE E
87 OLD LOWELL RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

VELANTZAS JAMES
VELANTZAS FONTINE
72 OLD LOWELL RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

COX THOMAS P JR
COX EVELYN L
25 DRAYCOTTE AVE
DRACUT, MA 01826

MAYKEL TIFFANY A
SCANLON JAMES P
4 NORTHVIEW AVE
WESTFORD, MA 01886

BARRY GEORGE
1 NORTHVIEW AVENUE
CHELMSFORD, MA 01824

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GREENWOOD PHYLLIS L
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SMITH PAULA G
HARRIS ROBERT A
1 HART POND LN
WESTFORD, MA 01886

HART DAVID C
HART CHRISTINE M
3 HART POND LANE
WESTFORD, MA 01886

WONG KIN D
WONG MARINA
2 HART POND LANE
WESTFORD, MA 01886

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VELANTZAS FONTINE
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WESTFORD, MA 01886

VESEY JOSEPH M
VESEY LYNNE
80 OLD LOWELL RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

MAYER INVESTMENT TRUST
DONALD F & KATHLEEN R
4 ROBERT RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

BENTLEY ANDERTON L, III
BENTLEY DEBORAH P
6 ROBERT RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

WATERMAN FAMILY TRUST
RAYMOND C WATERMAN, JR
4 FOUR WINDS ROAD
MERRIMAC, NH 03054

FARRAR FREDERICK
FARRAR CAROLINE B
19 JEFFERSON RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

BHAT PRASHANTH
BHAT RAVIKALA
17 JEFFERSON RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

DEBORAH M MELINO 1993
DEBORAH M MELINO TRUSTEE
15 JEFFERSON RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

JOYCE E FINNEY
JOYCE E FINNEY TRUSTEE
13 JEFFERSON RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

O'CONNOR CASEY C.
MORGAN-O'CONNOR SHAWNA M.
11 JEFFERSON RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

LAKHIA HUSEIN YUSUF
LAKHIA INSHIA HUSEIN
9 JEFFERSON RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

RICHARD L HARRINGTON
MARY L STEVENSON
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KDR FAMILY LLC
RSM MCGLADREY, INC
P O BOX 290058
BOSTON, MA 02129

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10 JEFFERSON RD
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SENTHILKUMAR VANITHA
12 JEFFERSON RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

MACDONALD CAROL A
MACDONALD HUGH D
14 JEFFERSON ROAD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

STORY STEPHEN M
16 JEFFERSON RD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

WOODWARD ROBERT G
WOODWARD MILDRED D
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----- Original Message -----

Message Sat, Dec 09, 2017 2:40 PM
From: Connie CESARIO
To: Jodi Ross ealmeida@westfordma.gov
Cc: Pam Holmes, Silvia Russ, Kathy Martin, Connie

Subject: Dog park on gage lane

Hi Jodi and Elizabeth,

I am writing to express concerns with the activity lately regarding a dog park on Gage Lane.

I live on Gage Lane but I am a Chelmsford resident as are all of the houses on the street.

We enjoy walking through the woods which are a conservation area and would not want that disturbed by barking dogs.

Additionally there is very poor Street access and no parking on this street. It gets far worse in the winter time as Chelmsford must treat Gage Lane as it's absolute last priority for snow removal.

I am concerned that I am discovering of this proposal only by chance and hope that the town of Westford will inquire with the gage Lane residents regarding their concerns with the dog park proposal.

Please contact myself or One of my neighbors copied on this email to discuss further.

Thank you for your consideration,

ConnieCesario

Sent from my iPhone



Message

Tue, Dec 12, 2017 1:33 PM

From:  Pamela Holmes <Pghalh@aol.com>

To:  **Greg Johnson**

Subject: Hi from Pam on Northview

Hi Greg,

I just spoke with you about a few of our concerns about the possibility of a dog park on Gage Lane.

The issues that are obvious to us now are:

--The designation of Gage Road as a private way meaning that Westford has no responsibility to maintain it. Chelmsford maintains it as an access road for the Chelmsford residents on Northview Ave.

—The designation of Old Lowell Road as a Scenic Road. The increased traffic on Old Lowell going to and from Gage Road may impact the scenic quality of Old Lowell Road.

— It is my understanding that the parking lot for the park will accommodate 20 cars. My experience using the Chelmsford Dog Park is that there could be more cars that that—overflow parking on Gage Road would be a safety problem for residents not to mention the damage that the cars on the sides would do to the forest vegetation.

—We are also concerned about the wildlife that inhabit the Martina Gage Forest. The Facebook page for the Martina Gage Town Forest says it is a Wildlife Sanctuary. The dog park and increased traffic will certainly be detrimental to this natural habitat.

The neighborhood residents will be meeting before the Board of Selectmen's meeting and I will send you an updated/edited list of concerns before the meeting.

It was nice chatting with you.

Pam Holmes
14 Northview Avenue
Chelmsford

Westford



Patriot Properties Inc.

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PROPERTY LOCATION

No	Alt No	Direction/Street/City
		OLD LOWELL RD, WESTFORD

OWNERSHIP

Owner 1:	TOWN OF WESTFORD				
Owner 2:	TOWN FOREST				
Owner 3:					
Street 1:	55 MAIN ST				
Street 2:					
Twn/City:	WESTFORD				
St/Prov:	MA	Cntry		Own Occ:	U
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PREVIOUS OWNER

Owner 1:			
Owner 2:			
Street 1:			
Twn/City:			
St/Prov:		Cntry	
Postal:			

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

This Parcel contains 74.88 Acres of land mainly classified as VACANT-CONSV

OTHER ASSESSMENTS

Code	Descrip/No	Amount	Com. Int

PROPERTY FACTORS

Item	Code	Descip	%	Item	Code	Descip
Z	RA	RES A	100	U	NO	NONE
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LAND SECTION (First 7 lines only)

Use Code	Description	LUC Fact	No of Units	Depth / PriceUnits	Unit Type	Land Type	LT Factor	Base Value	Unit Price	Adj	Neigh	Neigh Infl	Neigh Mod	Infl 1	%	Infl 2	%	Infl 3	%	Appraised Value	Alt Class	%	Spec Land	J Code	Fact	Use Value	Notes
932	VACANT-CO		43560		Sq.Ft.	Site	1.0	0	6.	1.400	R3			Wtr Fr	40					365,904			1	1.	365,900		
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932	VACANT-CO		1650		Front Fee	Excess	1.0	0	800.	1.000	R3									1,320,000			1	1.	1,320,000		

IN PROCESS APPRAISAL SUMMARY

Use Code	Building Value	Yard Items	Land Size	Land Value	Total Value
932			74.880	1,907,500	1,907,500
Total Card			74.880	1,907,500	1,907,500
Total Parcel			74.880	1,907,500	1,907,500
Source: Market Adj Cost			Total Value per SQ unit /Card: N/A /Parcel: N/A		

PREVIOUS ASSESSMENT

Tax Yr	Use	Cat	Bldg Value	Yrd Items	Land Size	Land Value	Total Value	Asses'd Value	Notes	Date
2017	932	FV		0	74.88	1,907,500	1,907,500	1,907,500	Year End Roll	12/19/2016
2016	932	FV		0	74.88	1,644,100	1,644,100	1,644,100	Year End	12/29/2015
2015	932	FV		0	74.88	1,630,100	1,630,100	1,630,100	Year End	12/3/2014
2014	932	FV		0	74.88	544,800	544,800	544,800	Year End Roll	12/19/2013
2013	932	FV		0	74.88	1,222,900	1,222,900	1,222,900	Year End Roll	11/29/2012
2012	932	FV		0	74.88	1,230,100	1,230,100	1,230,100	Year End Roll	12/6/2011
2011	932	FV		0	74.88	1,230,100	1,230,100	1,230,100	Year End	12/1/2010
2010	932	FV		0	74.88	1,218,200	1,218,200	1,218,200	Year End	12/8/2009

SALES INFORMATION

Grantor	Legal Ref	Type	Date	Sale Code	Sale Price	V	Tst	Verif	Assoc PCL Value	Notes
	N/A		11/1900			1	No	No		

BUILDING PERMITS

Date	Number	Descip	Amount	C/O	Last Visit	Fed Code	F. Descip	Comment

ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Date	Result	By	Name

Sign:

VERIFICATION OF VISIT NOT DATA

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Total AC/HA: 74.88000	Total SF/SM: 3261772.75	Parcel LUC: 932	VACANT-CONS	Prime NB Desc	RES 3	Total: 1,907,544	Spl Credi	Total: 1,907,500
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Town of Westford, a municipal corporation located in Middlesex County, Massachusetts,

Address of Grantee: 6 Northview Avenue, South Chelmsford, Mass. P. O. Box 135

for consideration of the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars paid, grants to Doris Donovan Reimers

in said County, with quitclaim covenants

the land in said Westford, with the buildings thereon, situated easterly of, but not adjacent to, Old Lowell Road and southerly of, but not adjacent to, Hart Pond (sometimes called Baptist Pond), being shown as Parcel 'C' on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Westford, Mass., Showing Property Lines in the Hart Pond Area, Surveyed in October, 1967, Richard L. McGlinchey", which plan is recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 109, Plan 20, and thus bounded:

- Northwesterly by other land of the Town of Westford, forty-three and 73/100 (43.73) feet;
- Easterly by the town line separating the Town of Westford and Town of Chelmsford, one hundred (100) feet;
- Southwesterly by Parcel 'B' on said plan, seventeen and 20/100 (17.20) feet; and
- Southwesterly by other land of the Town of Westford, fifty-nine and 50/100 (59.50) feet; containing, according to said plan, 1691 square feet, more or less.

Together with the right and easement, in common with the grantor and all others lawfully entitled thereto, to pass and repass by foot or by motor vehicle in, along and over the present roadway, as the same now exists, for the purpose of ingress and egress to and from the above described premises to the public way known as Lowell Road. That portion of said roadway located on other land of the grantor is partially shown on said plan by dotted lines and runs in a general westerly or southwesterly direction from the town line separating the Town of Chelmsford and the Town of Westford to the public way known as Lowell Road. The right and easement herein granted is for all lawful purposes connected with the use and enjoyment of the granted premises as a single family, private dwelling house, but for no other purposes, and by acceptance of this deed the grantee, her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, acknowledge that they understand that said easement is granted upon the following express conditions:

- (1) That the same may be used by the grantor, its successors or assigns, in conjunction with the use of the grantee, her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns;
- (2) That the grantor, its successors or assigns, will be in no way bound to reconstruct said roadway or to keep the same in repair;
- (3) That the grantor, its successors or assigns, assume no liability or responsibility to the grantee, her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, or any person using said roadway by invitation, expressed or implied, or otherwise; and

See Certificate A. 1965 P. 628



Message

Fri, Dec 29, 2017 6:00 PM

From:  gfb40769@aim.com
To:  **Greg Johnson**
Cc:  gfb40769@aim.com

Subject: Gage Lane Dog Park

Hi Greg - my name is George Barry. I am one of two Westford residents that live on Gage Lane. I spoke with you about the condition of Gage Lane this past summer. Hearing about the possibility of a dog park on Gage Lane is a concern to me. The increase traffic is going to accelerate the deterioration of Gage Lane. I also have concerns about cars parking on the street restricting the

ability of Gage Lane and Northview Ave residents to drive in/out of the neighborhood. This will also restrict the Chelmsford school bus that needs to drive in/out of the neighborhood not to mention fire trucks, trash trucks, and fedex/ups trucks. The road is just wide enough to permit 2 vehicle to pass each other in the spring/summer/fall months. The winter months is another story. There have been winters where 2 cars could not pass each other. Someone would have to back up hoping to find a spot that would permit the other car to pass.

Trash - Gage Lane has always been a dumping ground for trash items that people don't want to pay to get rid of. In the past we have had tires, sewer pipes, toilets, windows, construction material, and TVs dumped along Gage Lane. Now more people are going to come familiar with Gage Lane which in all probability will only increase the number of dumping instances. The only people "policing" this dumping are the residents of Gage Lane and Northview Ave. Littering/dumping is a major problem for Gage Lane and a dog park is only going to make this worse.

I am also requesting whatever department is responsible for this protected forest verify if the intent of this land gift excludes the building of a dog park on this land. Gage Lane is a major corridor for deer and this particular location is also home to "grouse" like birds. It is also my belief that this forest has another resident called the spotted salamander. I know the spotted salamander was protected at one time and I believe they are still protected. Assuming I'm correct and the spotted salamanders are still there, what is the Town's plan to deal with this? Or is this a question for the State of Massachusetts EPA?

One last comment - over the years that I have lived on Gage Lane - there has been a significant increase in walkers, runners, and bikers using Gage Lane all the way up to Northview Ave. I know people are suppose to have their dogs on leashes prior to entering a dog park but we both know that's not always the case. Is the Town of Westford going to have any responsibility if one of these walkers/runners/bikers get bit by a dog going to/coming from this dog park. Dogs chase cars, they chase bikers, and they have been know to chase after someone running.

For what it's worth - as a Westford resident and an abutter - I am NOT in favor of a dog park being located on Gage Lane.

Greg - can you please acknowledge receipt of this email. Also Merry Xmas/Happy New Year!

tk
George Barry



**TOWN OF WESTFORD
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER
TOWN HALL
55 MAIN STREET
WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01886**

January 2, 2018

Dear Resident / Home Owner:

The town's Dog Park Task Force is proposing potential locations to establish a dog park during upcoming public meetings. You are receiving this notice as an abutter or nearby resident / homeowner to one of the locations.

We have attached a map of the proposed location for a dog park, listed as follows
(shown as parcel ID number and address):
035 0110 0000 (110 Farmer Way)

The Board of Selectmen is scheduled to review proposed locations during their upcoming meeting on August 9, 2018 at 7:40PM, in the meeting room at Town Hall, 55 Main Street. More information about the Board of Selectmen, including meeting agendas and minutes, may be found at: www.westfordma.gov/297/Board-of-Selectmen

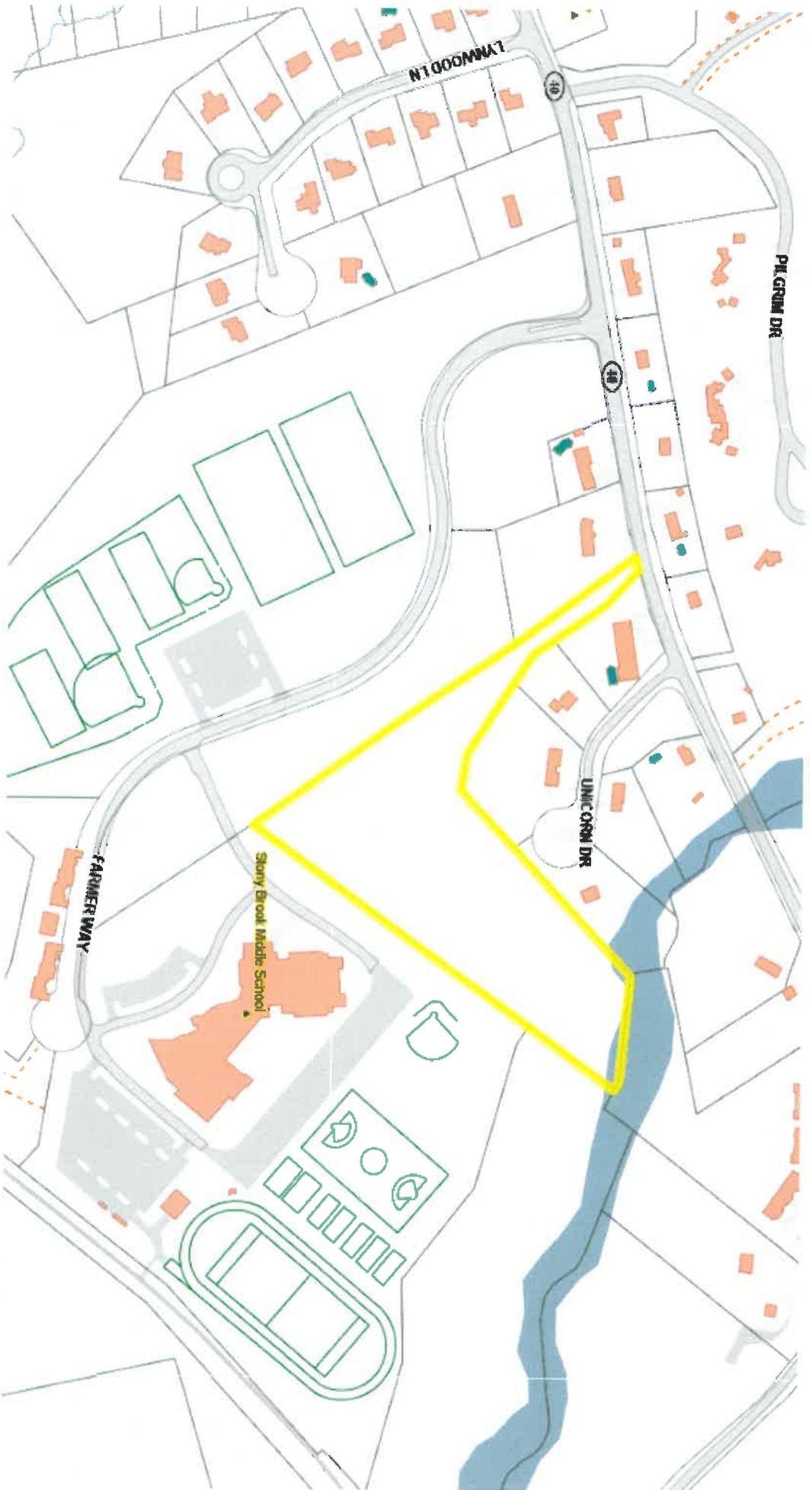
For questions concerning these meetings, please contact Greg Johnson in the Town Manager's Office at 978-692-5501 or via email at gregjohnson@westfordma.gov.

Sincerely,

Jodi Ross
Town Manager

110 Farmer Way

The yellow lines outline the parcel for the proposed location.
The exact location of a dog park on this parcel has not yet been determined.



abutters_owner1

100 NUTTING RD C2 REALTY TRUST
 ADAMS RONALD M
 BADARINARAYANA SUDHA
 BHARDWAJ SURINDER
 BHARGAVA BHARAT
 BHATT RAM P
 BOGUE JAMES F
 BOUTHLETTE ZACHARY
 BRUNELLE ANDREW
 BYRAPURAM NARENDRA REDDY
 CARDILLO DENISE M
 CELI STEVEN M
 CHEE HO NGAI
 CHIM PEOV
 CHITTIBABU KETHINNI G
 CIELAKIE (LE) RUTH A & EDDIE W
 COHAN BETH R
 COLEMAN RUSSELL THEODORE
 CONNELLY LAURENCE J
 DETOLLA LAURIE B
 DUBEY ALVIN P. SR.
 FERREIRA JENNIFER L
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 FITCH JOHN
 FOSTER NISHITHA
 FOTI JOSEPH R
 FULLER MAUREEN P
 FURBUSH VERONICA
 GILMAN SALLY M
 GIORDANO ANTHONY V
 GRIMM CRAIG
 GRIMM KENNETH A
 HAMILTON DONNA M.
 HARTIG PATRICIA A
 HASKARD DANIEL
 HAYWARD KATHRYN T
 HEANEY JANE M.S.
 HICKEY KENNETH A
 IOVINO DOMENIC M & LINDA LEE D
 IOVINO, JR CHARLES D
 J & A HIGGINS REVOCABLE TRUST
 JANE E CANTER REVOCABLE TRUST
 JANGDA ARUN R
 JEFFERSON MICHAEL P
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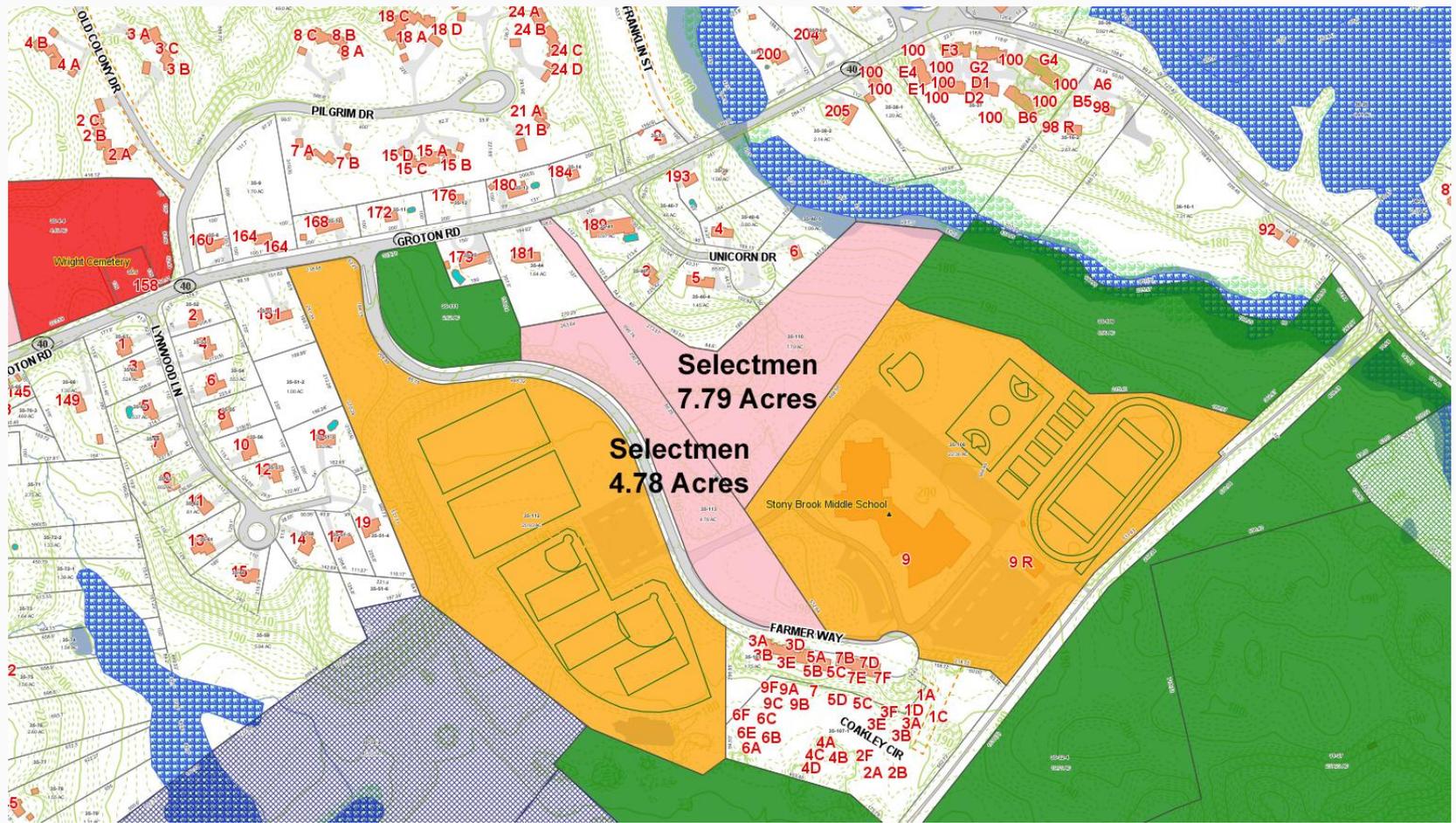
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Farmer Way



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Dog Park Task Force

Memorandum

To: Town Manager Jodi Ross

From: Dog Park Task Force

CC: Board of Selectmen

As you know, the Dog Park Task Force was formed in July 2016. The initial 20-plus resident volunteers were drawn to this group because they shared the notion that there should be a designated area for dogs and their owners to exercise and socialize in a responsible way. Westford is home to nearly 3,000 licensed dogs, which equates to 1 dog in every 3 households. Further, 31% of respondents to last year's Recreation and Open Space Survey identified the establishment of a dog park as a priority in town. We believe that the enthusiastic support that the dog park project has had is not merely a coincidence but shows a consistent faction of under-served Westford residents.

Over the past twelve months, our dedicated Task Force has held 15 meetings and 3 organized multi-parcel land walks. Members have performed individual legwork to keep momentum building, most of which is outlined in the enclosed packet.

Our town-owned land search, which is also detailed in the enclosed chart, has led us to Board of Selectmen-owned parcels on Farmer Way. This location is conveniently located off of Route 40; has few abutters; can be made accessible to those with disabilities; and has the partially-wooded, natural esthetic that we were hoping for. Though the total size of the Board of Selectmen parcels is over 12 acres, the Dog Park Task Force is asking for no more than 2 acres. We then hope raise 10% of the projected costs, through fundraising and potentially CPC monies, and apply for the non-competitive Stanton Foundation Dog Park Grant.

Thank you for your attention to this matter; we truly appreciate your support.

**Dog Park Task Force Land Search
Town-owned Land**

PARCEL ID	NAME	LOCATION	ACRES	OWNER	DPTF NOTES
020 0028 0000	Westlawn Cemetery	CONCORD RD	1.7	Cemetery Commission	Cemetery
027 0170 0000	Fairview Cemetery	MAIN ST	10.45	Cemetery Commission	Cemetery
020 0043 0001	Pine Grove Cemetery	FORGE VILLAGE RD.	11.7	Cemetery Commission	Cemetery
035 0004 0004	Picking-Wright Cemetery Annex	GROTON RD	4.49	Cemetery Commission	Cemetery
074 0002 0000	Edwards Beach Parcel	WILLIAMS AVE	10.0	Conservation Commission.	DPTF potentially interested; No response from the Conservation Commission re: restrictions; DPTF was deterred from pursuing Conservation land due to possible deed restrictions
053 0091 0000	Cameron Senior Center	PLEASANT ST, 20	3.422	Council on Aging.	Land in-use by senior center, nearby abutters
024 0022 0000	E. Prescott Fire Dept. Land	E. PRESCOTT ST	5.90	Fire Department	Land in-use by fire department, with some up for sale
059 0018 0000	J.V. Fletcher Library	MAIN ST, 50	1.59	Library Trustees	Land in-use by library
056 0055 0000	VFW Softball Field	W PRESCOTT ST, 52	10.0	Recreation Commission	Land in-use by recreation
031 0035 0101	Stony Brook Conservation Land - Recreation Commission Parcel	RIVER ST.	15.0	Recreation Commission	DPTF is very interested, however the Recreation Department has unofficial plans for this land. They need to perform a master plan before any decisions on the land can be made, per P.S.
036 0008 0000	Stony Brook Conservation Land - Recreation Commission Parcel 1	NUTTING ROAD	29.8	Recreation Commission	Land in-use by recreation (Community Fields at Nutting Rd.)

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PARCEL ID	NAME	LOCATION	ACRES	OWNER	DPTF NOTES
062 0102 0000	Graniteville Ballfield/American Legion Field	RIVER ST, 15	31.0	Recreation Commission	Land in-use by recreation (Graniteville/ American Legion Fields)
007 0009 0000	Jack Walsh Recreation Area	CARLISLE RD	32.8	Recreation Commission	Land in-use by recreation (Jack Walsh Fields)
048 0011 0245	Vineyard Rd Ext School Land - South - 2	VINEYARD RD EXT	1.27	School Committee	Land in-use by School Department; want to hold
048 0011 0232	Greystone Elementary School	VINEYARD RD EXT	8.56	School Committee	Land in-use by School Department (Miller School)
048 0005 0001	Vineyard Rd Ext School Land - North	VINEYARD RD EXT	3.76	School Committee*	Land in-use by School Department (Miller School)
048 0005 0000	Vineyard Rd Ext School Land - South - 1	VINEYARD RD EXT	8.02	School Committee*	Land in-use by School Department; want to hold
035 0112 0000	Veterans Memorial Complex/Stony Brook School - 2	FARMER WAY	20.90	School Department	Land in-use by School & Recreation Department (Veterans Memorial Complex Fields)
069 0253 0000	Nabnasset School	PLAIN RD, 99	21.98	School Department	Land in-use by School Department; DPTF concerned about access to park and proximity to the school; nearby abutters
035 0108 0000	Veterans Memorial Complex;Stony Brook School - 1	FARMER WAY	22.30	School Department	Land in-use by School Department (Stony Brook Middle School)
026 0086 0000	Abbot School	DEPOT ST, 25	32.07	School Department	Land in-use by School Department (Abbot School)
020 0082 0000	Westford Academy	PATTEN RD, 30	37.9	School Department	Land in-use by School Department (Westford Academy)

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PARCEL ID	NAME	LOCATION	ACRES	OWNER	DPTF NOTES
024 0005 0000	Norman Day School	E PRESCOTT ST, 75	40.10	School Department	Land in-use by School Department (Day School)
029 0001 0000	Red Line North Parcel	WEST ST	5.36	School Department	Land in-use by School Department (Blanchard Middle School)
020 0102 0000	Robinson and Crisafulli Elementary Schools	ROBINSON RD, 33	68.8	School Department	Land in-use by School Department (Robinson and Crisafulli Schools)
029 0002 0000	Blanchard Middle School	WEST ST, 20	85.62	School Department	Land in-use by School Department (Blanchard Middle School)
018 0110 0000	LaSalette Rd. Land	LASALLETTE RD	1.05	Selectmen	Wetlands; Residential area
059 0001 0000	Town Common	MAIN ST	1.13	Selectmen	Land in-use (Town Common)
018 0111 0000	LaSalette Rd. land	LASALLETTE RD	1.23	Selectmen	Wetlands; Residential area
021 0094 0000	Michael Joseph "Joe" and Yvonne Rose Sullivan Land	BLAKES HILL ROAD	1.45	Selectmen	Not accessible without going through adjacent parcels
027 0229 0000	Tadmuck Swamp North (1)	TADMUCK RD	100.8	Selectmen	Not accessible without going through adjacent parcels; wetlands
035 0101 0000	Allie Lane Parcel	ALLIE LANE	15.0	Selectmen	Rocky/steep landscape; Not accessible without going through adjacent parcels; residential area
025 0015 0000	Old Landfill/New Meadow	COLD SPRING RD	17.02	Selectmen	Not accessible; nearby abutters
018 0112 0000	LaSalette Rd. Land	LASALLETTE RD	2.09	Selectmen	Wetlands; Residential area
022 0117 0001	Drew Boston Road Land	BOSTON RD	2.43	Selectmen	Wetlands

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PARCEL ID	NAME	LOCATION	ACRES	OWNER	DPTF NOTES
022 0117 0002	Drew Boston Road Land	BOSTON RD	2.48	Selectmen	Land in-use by Westford Conservation Trust (Peace Trail)
059 0019 0002	Auxiliary Municipal Land-Main St.	MAIN ST	2.52	Selectmen	Land behind library held for possible expansion; limited parking already
023 0046 0000	Tadmuck Swamp South	LITTLETON RD	24.0	Selectmen	Wetlands
046 0011 0244	Greystone Playing Fields (Lot Q)	RUSSELL'S WAY	3.28	Selectmen	Land in-use (playing fields)
074 0108 0000	Roudenbush Nab. Comm. Center/ Captain Stephen Hamilton Ballfield	PLAIN RD	3.75	Selectmen	Land in-use (Roudenbush & ballfields)
018 0103 0000	LaSalette Rd. Land	LASALLETTE RD	3.9	Selectmen	Wetlands; Residential area
059 0047 0000	Police and Fire Station	MAIN ST, 53	30.0	Selectmen	Land in-use (Police and Fire Station)
048 0011 0235	Greystone Lot J Municipal Land	RUSSELL'S WAY	4.24	Selectmen	Land in middle of residential area; in Northeast corner of town
035 0113 0000	Veterans Memorial Complex Municipal Land - 1	FARMER WAY	4.41	Selectmen	Ideal location along with parcel 035 0110 0000; accessible; conveniently located; minimal excavation/ landscaping required
035 0004 0002	Picking Selectmen Land - East	GROTON RD	4.73	Selectmen	Near busy intersection of Route 40 & North Street; Long and skinny parcel
028 0005 0000	Tadmuck Swamp North (2)	CHIPPEWA ROAD	4.74	Selectmen	Wetlands
022 0003 0004	Boston Rd Drew Orchard	BOSTON RD	4.81	Selectmen	Land in-use by Fire Department
030 0045 0000	Old Highway Garage	BEACON ST, 30	5.0	Selectmen	DPTF is interested, however the land is in-use by the Highway Department and the School Department, mostly for storage

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PARCEL ID	NAME	LOCATION	ACRES	OWNER	DPTF NOTES
059 0042 0000	Roudenbush Community Center	MAIN ST,73	5.2	Selectmen	Land in-use by the Roudenbush Community Center
053 0012 0000	Forge Pond Town Beach	PLEASANT ST	5.67	Selectmen	Land in-use (Forge Beach)
035 0002 0006	Picking Selectmen Land - West	GOULD RD	6.09	Selectmen	Land in-use by Westford Conservation Trust (Silver Trail); nearby abutters
025 0011 0000	Red Line South Parcel	FORGE VILLAGE RD	6.1	Selectmen	Land in-use (Stone Arch Trail)
035 0110 0000	Veterans Memorial Complex Municipal Land - 2	FARMER WAY	7.79	Selectmen	Ideal location along with parcel 035 0113 0000; accessible; conveniently located; minimal excavation/ landscaping required
061 0041 0000	Mill Pond/Charles G. Sargent Playground	NO MAIN ST	8.0	Selectmen	Pond and wetlands
056 0054 0000	Village View Parcel A-2	VILLAGE VIEW RD	8.15	Selectmen	Inaccessible; rocky terrain
030 0030 0000	New Highway Garage Site	NORTH MAIN ST.	44	Selectmen.	Land in-use by Highway Department
025 0202 0000	Uncompleted Tax Taking - Cold Spring Road	COLD SPRING RD	2.52	Status Unclear	Wetlands
059 0007 0004	Randolph Circle Tax Title Parcel	RANDOLPH CIRCLE	1.41	Tax Possession Sale Committee	Residential area; nearby abutters
045 0002 0000	MacDonald Tyngsboro Rd. Tax Title Parcel	TYNGSBORO RD	2.25	Tax Possession Sale Committee	Wetlands

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047 0029 0000	Ennion Tyngsboro Rd. Tax Title Parcel	TYNGSBORO ROAD	2.868	Tax Possession Sale Committee	Wetlands; Northeast corner of Town
021 0103 0000	Hildreth St. Tax Title Parcel	HILDRETH ST.	2.95	Tax Possession Sale Committee	Land in-use by Westford Conservation Trust
013 0047 0000	Acton Road Tax Title Parcel - 1	ACTON RD	9.4	Tax Possession Sale Committee	Wetlands
023 0079 0000	So. Chelmsford Rd - 1	SO CHELMSFORD RD	20.32	Town Forest Committee	Town Forest
044 0002 0000	Tyngsboro Town Line Gage Parcel-West	TENNEY RD	22.7	Town Forest Committee	Town Forest
047 0001 0000	Tyngsboro Town Line Gage Parcel-East	SAWMILL ROAD	22.9	Town Forest Committee	Town Forest
047 0043 0000	Twin Peaks	TYNGSBORO RD	23.29	Town Forest Committee	Town Forest
034 0026 0000	Sargent's Town Forest Gift	GROTON RD	25	Town Forest Committee	Town Forest
025 0012 0000	Spalding Town Forest - 1	COLD SPRING RD	5.03	Town Forest Committee	Town Forest
025 0013 0000	Spalding Town Forest - 2	FORGE VILLAGE RD	7.53	Town Forest Committee	Town Forest
018 0066 0000	Martina Gage Town Forest	GAGE RD	74.88	Town Forest Committee	Town Forest

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076 0054 0001	Groton Rd Gage Land	GROTON RD	8.37	Town Forest Committee	Town Forest
023 0078 0000	So. Chelmsford Rd. - 2	SO. CHELMSFORD RD	9.15	Town Forest Committee	Town Forest
020 0007 0000	Fletcher Well Land - 1	CONCORD RD	1.01	Water Department	Wetlands
033 0017 0000	Hunt Road Water Tower	HUNT RD	1.07	Water Department	Land in-use (water tower)
043 0013 0000	Nabnasset St. Water Dept. Land - 3	NABNASSET ST.	1.28	Water Department	Water (Gilson Brook)
043 0041 0000	Nabnasset St. Water Dept. Land - 2	NABNASSET ST, 25	1.32	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department
016 0024 0000	Hildreth Hills Water Tank	HILDRETH ST	1.67	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department
055 0003 0000	Winnek Water Dept. Land - 2	MAIN ST	10.37	Water Department	Not accessible; steep
030 0047 0000	Cote Well Land	NORTH ST	16.8	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Cote Well)
015 0003 0000	Howard Rd. Well Site- 1	HOWARD RD	17.92	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Howard Rd. Well)
020 0009 0000	Fletcher Well Land - 2	CONCORD RD	2.08	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Fletcher Well)
047 0043 0001	Twin Peaks Water Tower Land	RUSSELL'S WAY	2.43	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Water Tower)
015 0098 0000	Howard Rd. Well Site- 3	HOWARD RD	2.81	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Howard Rd. Well)
021 0042 0000	Winnek Water Dept Land - 1	MAIN ST, 17	22.33	Water Department	Parcel inaccessible

**Dog Park Task Force Land Search
Town-owned Land**

PARCEL ID	NAME	LOCATION	ACRES	OWNER	DPTF NOTES
030 0032 0001	Beacon St. Water Department Land	BEACON ST	26.0	Water Department	Parcel inaccessible
020 0043 0000	Forge Village Rd Water Dept. Land - South	FORGE VILLAGE RD	26.1	Water Department	DPTF Interested; Water Department doubts anything can be built on land with pipes underneath; proximity to Water Department Building is also a concern
020 0018 0002	Country Rd West Future Well Site - 1	COUNTRY RD	3.88	Water Department	Wetlands; Well Site
031 0035 0102	Stony Brook Conservation Land - Water Dept. Parcel	RIVER ST.	30.7	Water Department	DPTF potentially interested in Water Department land directly adjacent to the Stepinski Parcel, however land appears to drop off
030 0032 0002	Veterans Memorial Complex Water Department Land	BEACON ST.	45.25	Water Department	DPTF potentially interested in either the area that is directly adjacent to the Old Highway Garage or the land that is directly adjacent to the Stony Brook Fields. Both parcel options are currently inaccessible.
065 0003 0000	Depot St Well Parcel - 2	DEPOT ST	5.3	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Depot St. Well)
020 0034 0000	Country Rd West Future Well Site - 2	COUNTRY RD	5.5	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Country Rd. West Well)
015 0004 0000	Howard Rd. Well Site- 2	HOWARD RD	5.65	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Howard Rd. Well)
043 0011 0000	Nabnasset St. Water Dept. Land - 1	NABNASSET ST	6.68	Water Department	Wetlands; parcel inaccessible
024 0024 0000	Town Farm Rd. Water Dept. Land	TOWN FARM RD	7.38	Water Department	Wetlands

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PARCEL ID	NAME	LOCATION	ACRES	OWNER	DPTF NOTES
068 0001 0000	Nutting Rd Well Parcel - 1	NUTTING RD	7.75	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Town Farm Well)
020 0090 0000	Country Rd Well Land	COUNTRY RD	8.14	Water Department	DPTF potentially interested, provided that the updated GIS map shows that the land is no longer in Water Zone One after the well has been moved
065 0002 0000	Depot St. Well - Parcel 1	DEPOT ST	8.33	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Depot St. Well)
068 0002 0000	Nutting Rd Well Parcel - 2	NUTTING RD	9.2	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Nutting Rd. Well)
020 0012 0000	Fletcher Well Land - 3	CONCORD RD	9.99	Water Department	Land in-use by Water Department (Fletcher Well)
025 0010 0000	Forge Village Rd. Water Dept. Land - North	FORGE VILLAGE RD	88.26	Water Department/Sel ectmen*	Land in-use by Water Department (Well); Wetlands

Westford Dog Park Task Force Work



Meetings/ Conversations

Board of Selectmen

Jodi Ross, Town Manager

Eric Heideman, Assistant Town Manager

Recreation Commission

Patricia Savage, Recreation Director

Carol Gumbart, Conservation Department

Steve Cronin, Water Superintendent

Bill Olsen, School Superintendent

Richie Crocker, School Department

Housing Authority

Christopher Yule

Princeton Properties

Recreation & Open Space Meeting 2016

Research

Stanton Foundation

Chelmsford Dog Park

Arlington Dog Park

Billerica Dog Park

Burlington Dog Park

Ayer Dog Park

Nashua Private Dog Park

Cost Estimates

Waste Removal Options

Dog Park Rules

Actions Taken

Presentation to the Board of Selectmen,

February 2017 & July 2017

Presentation to the Recreation Commission

Strategic Planning Retreat June 2017

Several organized land walks

Stanton Foundation Dog Park Grants

From www.thestantonfoundation.org

Note: This program is now open and accepting applications from communities in Massachusetts. However, on January 25, 2017 the Foundation made significant changes to the application process. We ask you to review the description below and the related links carefully, even if you have visited these pages before.

As part of its mission of encouraging positive dog/human relationships, the Stanton Foundation supports the development of enclosed dog parks in Massachusetts cities and towns.

This support takes the form of a series of grants to support park design, park construction, and capital improvements in parks supported by the Foundation. Access to these grants requires community contributions as detailed below.

Foundation contributions include:

Design grants: Design grants typically range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and are intended to cover up to 100% of the costs of taking a dog park from initial concept to bid-ready construction documents. Expenses covered by a design grant include: preparation of schematics, preliminary drawings, bid documents, construction observation and, if necessary, an initial site survey.

Construction grants: Construction grants will fund 90% of the park's "hard" construction costs. Hard construction costs include labor and materials. They exclude contingency allowances, insurance, permits, bonds, overhead, or other miscellaneous expenses. Construction grants have ranged from \$100,000 to \$225,000 and are capped at \$225,000.

Capital improvement grants: Capital improvement grants fund the purchase of new equipment and landscape or repair and replacement of items that were included in the original construction grant. A community is eligible for capital improvement grants at 12, 18, and 24 months after the park opens. Each grant is equal to 5% of the hard construction costs and require an application from the community. They may not be used for routine maintenance.

Required community contributions include:

Land and infrastructure. The community must identify a town owned site or sites(s) prior to the award of the design grant and provide water lines and other basic infrastructure, if applicable (e.g. if the proposed plan includes lighting, an electricity source).

10% match on hard construction costs. This contribution must be in cash, not in-kind services. The source of the cash may be the town budget or contributions.

Ongoing park maintenance. The community is responsible for all ongoing maintenance costs.

Application Logistics

The Stanton Foundation will fund 10 design grants each calendar year. *As of July 2017, four design grants remain available.* Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all 10 design grants are disbursed, at which point the application period will close for the year and re-open on January 1 of the following calendar year. Since many design grant applications require edits after review, merely submitting a design grant application does not reserve community's position as one of the 10 grantees. Instead, receiving confirmation from the Foundation that a community's design grant application has been *approved* will secure their spot as a design grant grantee. This website will be updated to reflect when the application period has opened and closed each year.

If a community submits an application after the application period has closed, the Foundation will notify the community accordingly but will nonetheless provide feedback on its application so it is best postured to re-apply when the next period opens. If a community submits an application that requires edits while the application period is open and, during the editing process, the 10 grants are disbursed, its re-application eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

While the decision to build a dog park has the potential for enormous benefit for the community, it also requires a major commitment of time and energy from the town as a whole. If your town is enthusiastic about bringing a dog park to the community and is willing to commit to the process, the Stanton Foundation encourages you to apply.

----- Original Message -----

Message Wed, Jun 14, 2017 11:17 AM

From: "edie fruscione" <jackemara@verizon.net>

To: Jodi Ross

Cc: eheideman@westfordma.gov ealmeida@westfordma.gov "'Katelyn Olson'"
<katelyn.canty@gmail.com>

Subject: dog park

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Here are two conceptual drawings of a dog park at Farmers way. They are not to scale but I hope are useful for a conversation with whomever. It is a sizeable piece of land and we want 2-3 acres (includes parking) in this general location. In my opinion it is highly unlikely that the Recreation Department could build a facility anywhere in town in under five years meanwhile the land sits unused. In my opinion it is also unlikely that there will be new ballfields at the Graniteville site. It has been under control of the Recreation Department for many years and still there is no concrete plan. It is highly wooded and would require massive deforesting to make it useful however it would make a good dog park. Edie





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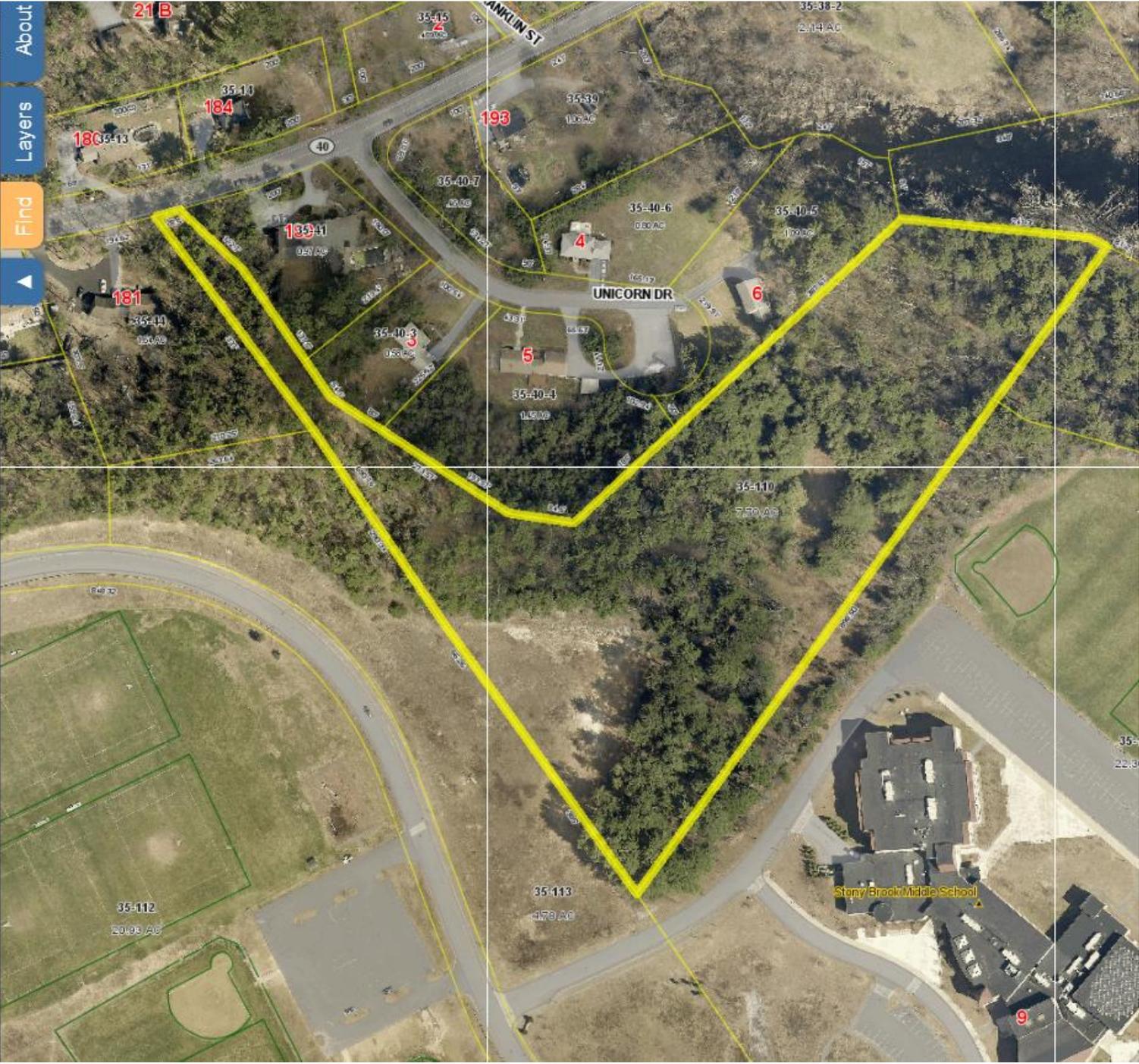
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Detail Information

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Parcel ID	035 0110 0000
Address	0-LOT 110 FARMER WAY
Owner	TOWN OF WESTFORD BOAR
Assessor Record	Open
Property Lookup Tool	Open
Condo Unit	
NBC	R1
LUC	930
Owner2	
Full Mailing Address	55 MAIN ST
Mailing Address City, State	WESTFORD, MA 01886
Legal Reference	6597-239
Sale Date	1993-07-30
Grantor Last Name	FARMER
Current Land Size	7.79000
Building Value (FY 2015)	0.00
Yard Value (FY 2015)	0.00
Land Value (FY 2015)	270900.00
Total Value (FY 2015)	270900.00
Finished Area	
Year Built	
Exterior Type	
Story Height	
Units	
Foundation	
Frame	
Prime Exterior Wall	
Roof Structure	
Prime Interior Wall	
Primary Floors	
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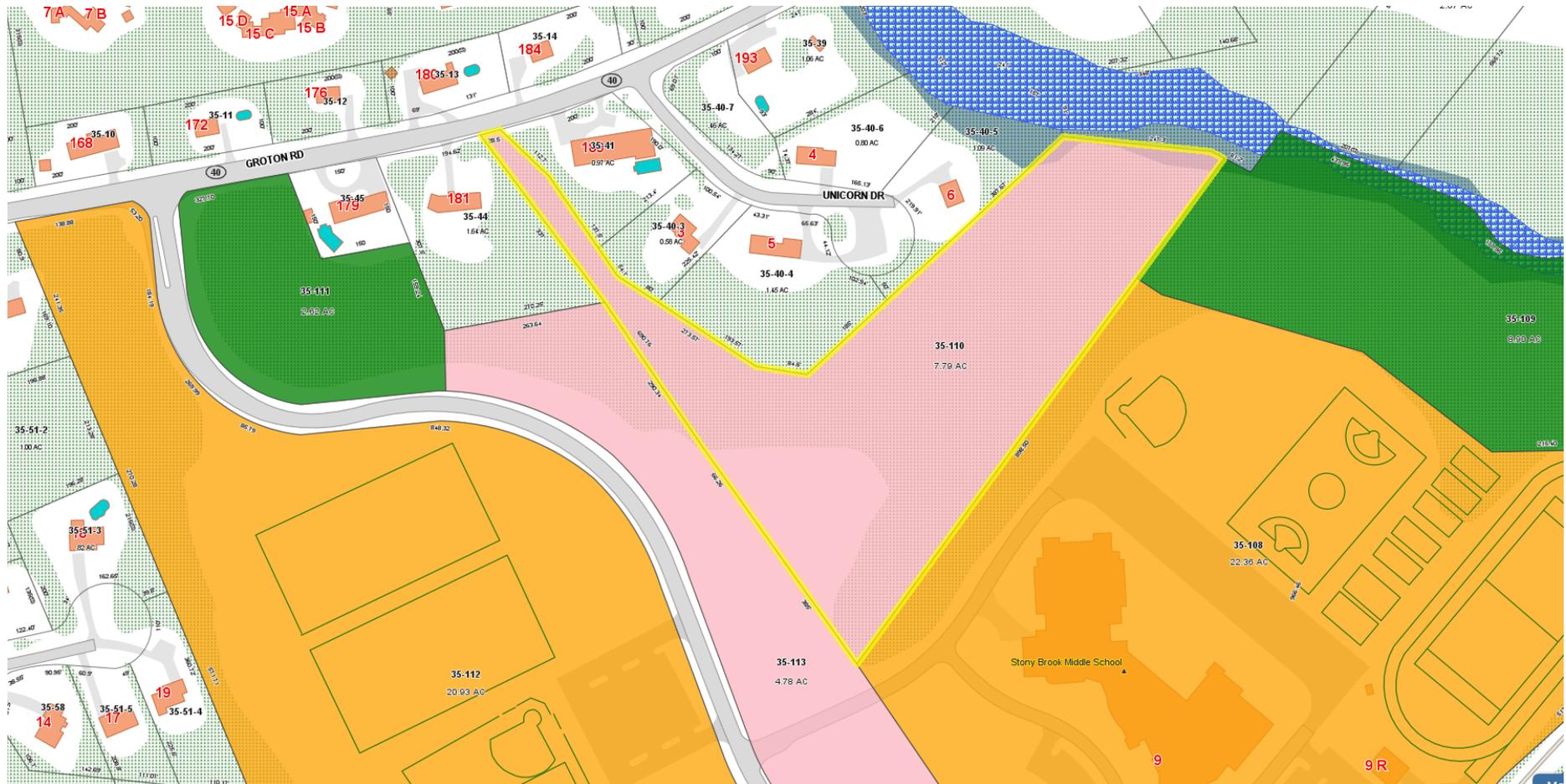
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Stony Brook Middle School

Farmer's Way- 7.79 Acres

Parcel 035 0110 0000

Owned by Board of Selectmen



TOWN OF ARLINGTON

Joseph J. Connelly, Director of Recreation
Dan McGrath, Recreation Supervisor



PARK COMMISSIONERS

Donald Vitters
Shirley Canniff
Jim Robillard
Leslie Mayer
Jennifer Rothenberg

Recreation Department

THORNDIKE PARK OFF LEASH AREA FINAL BUDGET REPORT

Revenue:

Stanton Foundation Gift #1 Design	\$ 29,400.00
Stanton Foundation Gift #2 Initial Project	\$179,460.00
Stanton Foundation Gift #3 Removal of Concrete Fill	\$ 15,900.00
Stanton Foundation Gift #4 Year 1 Improvements	\$ 12,500.00
Town Capital Funds	\$ 35,000.00
Recreation Operating Capital Account	\$ 1,200.00

Total Revenue \$ 273,460.00

Expenses:

Design and Reimbursables	\$ 21,000.00
Site Survey	\$ 2,000.00
Construction Base Bid and Alt #1	\$ 194,400.00
Construction Bond	\$ 5,000.00
Change Order #1 – Concrete Removal	\$ 15,900.00
Change Order #2 – Add Site furnishings	\$ 8,800.00
Change Order #3 – Tree Protection, Path Edging	\$ 22,600.00
Additional Stone and Lumber	\$ 2,100.00
Bid Advertising	\$ 141.18
<u>Dog Park Supplies- Bags, Signage, Dispenser</u>	<u>\$ 1,389.77</u>

Total Expense \$ 272,930.95

Fund Balance \$ 529.05

Project Element	Cost
A. Site preparation / grading	In-kind
B. Fencing	
i. perimeter (1,650 linear feet, 5 ft. height)	\$37,125 (\$22.50/ lf)
ii. Interior (movable)	To be determined
C. Gate / Entryway (4 swing gates)	\$2,000 (\$500 each)
D. Signage	To be determined
E. Hardscape	
i. 4 ft. asphalt paved perimeter walkway	
ii. stone (12,000 sq. ft. = little more than ¼ acre)	\$18,000- \$24,000 (\$1.50-\$2.00 / sq. ft.)
F. Softscape	
i. sod grass (43,560 sq.ft = 1 acre)	\$32,670 (\$.75/ sq. ft.)
ii. mulch (22,000 sq. ft = .5 acre)	\$22,000 - \$27,500(\$1.00-\$1.25/ sq. ft)
G. Waste Disposal	
i. Dog Valet (complete system / bags / disposal)	\$1,250 (\$250 each system)
ii. Trash barrels (non-pet waste)	In-kind
iii. Trash barrels (ONLY pet waste)	In-kind
H. Amenities	
i. benches (8 benches)	\$ 4,000 (\$500 each)
ii. picnic tables (6 picnic tables)	\$3,000 (\$500 each)
iii. Shade trees (20 trees)	\$5,000 (\$250 each)
iv. Gazebo / shade structure	In-kind
v. Kiosk / info bulletin board	\$2,000
vi. storage shed (16 x 24 ft.)	\$2,000
vii. water features	
a. spray fire hydrants (4)	\$4,000 (\$1,000 each)
b. deluxe drinking fountain (1)	\$3,000
viii. agility / play equipment	To be determined
I. Infrastructure	
i. water service	\$10,000
ii. irrigation	\$10,000
iii. electrical service / lighting	\$10,000
iv. drainage (all soft engineering)	\$20,000
J. Parking Lot (16 spaces / gravel surface)	\$15,000
Construction Subtotal	\$212,545
Contingencies	
Design (5%)	\$10,627
Construction (6%)	\$12,752
Escalation (3%)	\$6,276
Total Project Budget	\$242,300

----- Original Message -----

If it would decrease the traffic of people walking their dogs around the school, I could see a benefit. However, it could increase it if folks think that they can let their dogs play and then take a stroll around the school or use the fields to let them run. In the nice weather, all of these fields are very busy in the afternoon and evenings. I imagine having a dog park would encourage people to bring their pets to games which could increase the amount of waste that is not picked up by owners. Currently, a good number of families living on Farmers Way have dogs and walk them all over the area. Additionally, I see people bringing their dogs out on the trails quite a bit already, as well.

Personally, I am not sure what the advantage is of having a dog park other than an additional thing for the police to monitor. Have the supporters been able to establish how it might add value in any way?

My main concern would be for very specific signage about leashes and cleaning up after their pets. It would also help to have separate notices close to the schools that pets shouldn't be exercised on school property during school hours or ever if they are ok with that.

A few of our teachers have complained about dogs being a distraction when they are walked around the school. I have talked with a number of individuals and asked them not to walk the dogs during school hours. There is one owner who we have not seen during school hours yet, but we know does not pick up after their dogs because our students have encountered their droppings, if you will, and we saw the owner and dogs on video. I haven't seen anyone twice after talking with them. If the park is visible (or audible for that matter if a bunch of playing dogs are barking together) to the school, I could see it being an unnecessary distraction for classes. But I am not sure where they are proposing to locate it.

I hope some of that helps!

Chris

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