

3/12/16 - awaiting WUVDP committee approval

WATSON UPPER VALLEY DOG PARK
Minutes of meeting - March 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Hartford Town Hall

Those present were: Marina Silvio, Gaylord Newcity, Amanda Childress, Toni Richie, and Dan Clark.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM
- 2) Minutes of last meeting of January 25, 2016 were approved.
- 3) Once again, the goal of raising \$6,000 (for park maintenance) this coming year was determined to be realistic.
- 4) Regarding goals to increase membership, the committee discussed staffing a table at the park when it opens this Spring and encouraging people to sign up. Amanda will redesign the membership form, and we will raise the membership fee to \$25. An important benefit of membership will include receiving, via email, timely notices about park events, closures/openings, and Upper Valley dog related special events. The emails will be available to members only.
- 5) Fund raising – Marina and Dan will locate and inventory the patio blank bricks and we will resume seeking memorial donations for them. We discussed recognizing donors by posting a list at the park. Toni will approach Panera regarding a fundraiser whereby Panera donates a portion of the cost of a persons order on a specific day. On March 3rd, we took in \$950 in private donations from a few park attendees, one quite sizeable as a memorial to her brother and his dog, Elise. We will explore holding a yard sale whereby we rent space to people who want to sell their household and pet items.
- 6) Other – We will post and notify the membership of the various volunteer opportunities such as Spring/Fall clean-up, poop bag duty, flower watering, weed removal. In fact we will announce this year's Spring clean-up for Saturday, April 30th.

There was discussion concerning a neighbor who seems to have assigned himself the job of policing the park. He has scolded people for failing to scoop their poop and for “speeding” through the parking lot. His demeanor has frightened a few people, and he has allegedly claimed to have been asked by the police department to notify them of problems he perceives. Some have inferred that he is police impersonator, and that worries them further. Marina will address this with the Parks Department.

We discussed obtaining (how?) some basic agility-type equipment, such as a tunnel (culvert), ramps, small jumps, a hoop, etc.

- 7) The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm at a place to be determined.
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.