



Friends of the Scituate Dog Park
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where will the dog park be?

A location has been identified that is at the end of Kent and beginning of the Driftway, directly in front of Go Green, a small grassy area, then extends west along the Driftway for about 2 acres. It is near the windmill.

What will it look like?

The park will have approximately 1 acre for large dogs, and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre for small dogs, each separated and enclosed by 6' fencing, with a double-gated entryway for safety. Medium dogs will have their owners choose which park would be most suitable. Each area will include a walkway around the circumference of the space so that disabled/handicapped/elderly people have a safe and accessible path for walking. There will be parking for up to 20 cars on the backside of the lot, including handicap accessible spaces. A water source will be provided, as well as an enclosed wash rack for bathing dogs.

How will this be paid for?

Grants are available from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), as well as the Stanton Foundation, which provides grants to support the creation of enclosed dog parks in cities and towns in Massachusetts. The Stanton Foundation grant can cover up to 100% of the design costs and 90% of construction expenses. Ongoing maintenance will be provided by the town of Scituate, which include waste removal, grass mowing, etc. with no increase in taxes or fees to the residents. The Friends of the Scituate Dog Park will also raise money through fundraising, donations, and through dog park advertising from local businesses. We are in the process of applying for 5013C status as a Non-profit organization.

I don't have a dog. Why should I support this effort?

Even residents of Scituate will benefit from a local dog park. The park will provide a space for residents to bring their pets to run off leash and socialize with other dogs. This will

create an environment that encourages dog owners to utilize this space as opposed to our beaches, parks, etc. We recognize that having no accommodations for allowing dogs to run off leash has resulted in people disobeying local dog leash and waste laws, as well as potential harm to loose dog and surrounding dogs. We believe the park will greatly improve this situation.

Who is in charge of this effort?

A group of local residents came together to gauge support of this initiative in the community, and due to overwhelming support, determined that there was enough interest to move forward with establishing an organization to attempt to formalize and execute on the process. In addition to the leadership team which has voted-in Officers, the park has established an Advisory Board, which is comprised of local advisors, town officials, and other key town representatives.

What can I do to help?

Petitions are circulating for local residents to sign in support of the park. Our near term goal is to reach 2500 signatures so that we can apply for grants and Town approval in the Fall of 2016. Also, if you are on Facebook, please join our Friends of the Scituate Dog Park page on Facebook to become a member. Each signature and/or Facebook member counts in showing your support for this endeavor!

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Visit us at the Friends of the Scituate Dog Park page on Facebook, or contact Adrienne Rowles at 781-545-0009 or email her at kimosabe11@gmail.com