

Tiverton Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
SPECIAL MEETING
April 2, 2022, at 10:00 am

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Kathy Clarendon - present

John G. Edwards - present

Carol Herrmann - present

Sanford Mantell - absent

Christine Ryan - present

Kim Sutherland - absent

Also attending, Catherine Damiani, Library Director

Trustees and Library Director met outside the Library and Carol (Chair of the Board of Trustees) called the meeting to order. Walked to meet with David Paull, Co-Chair of the RF Jones Memorial Dog Park which is adjacent to the Library's parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of dog park progress. David did a brief walkthrough of the dog park with the Trustees and Library Director, pointing out the progress made, and continued plans for the park. Included in his remarks were discussion of a double-gate entrance, pointing out the park boundary locations, inclusion of an ADA compliant walking path, proposed fencing plans, possible plantings, the temporary gravel path and location of the entrance path.

There were three issues that generated discussion:

- a) It was clarified that the crushed stone/gravel path was temporary and put down for construction vehicles only. Gravel would be removed and the area seeded and restored. David also mentioned that some parts of the path would need to be a concrete walkway in order to be ADA compliant (this may need to be done in Phase II of the project).
- b) It had been understood that the placement of the entrance off Roosevelt would be opposite the town recreation parking lot. There would be no access to the entrance path from the library lawn north of the dog park parcel and no parking in the library parking lot. In order to accomplish this, it was agreed that the path would begin south of the Library's stone sign and south of the fire hydrant on Roosevelt Ave. Jay Edwards agreed to

provide mark-up photos to the dog park committee. The bridge would run from west to east over a culvert (Visitors to the dog park would park in the Town Recreation parking lot, cross over Roosevelt Ave., and use the path to access the dog park entrance).

- c) David Paull agreed to Trustees' request to erect fencing on the library side of the entry path to encourage the public to access the dog park directly from Roosevelt Ave. with no need to cross the library lawn via the library parking lot.

Meeting with David Paull concluded at 10:30 a.m. Trustees and the Library Director returned to the library for a brief discussion.

2. Discussion/possible vote on July 2020 consensus concerning location of entrance path

Discussion of the walk-through with David Paul and the expectations of the Trustees. One issue that also came up in the discussion is that there should be more frequent communication between the Trustees and the Dog Park Committee.

Kathy made a motion that the Carol (Chair of the Board of Trustees) will send a letter summarizing the meeting, discussion, and consensus reached re dog park to David Paull (Co-Chair of the Dog Park Committee), Town Council Members, Town Administrator, and Director of DPW; Jay seconded; motion passed unanimously.

No other business to discuss, Carol adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.