

Town of Carlisle
Dog Control Subcommittee
Agenda

66 Westford Street, Carlisle, MA 01741
Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 7:00 PM

Present: Luke, Drew, Larry, Stacy, Jennie Merrill (Counsel)

Not Present: Dan Wells, Todd Brady

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

- I. Overview of changes made to first draft of bylaws
- II. Public input on current draft
 - A. From an 18-yr Carlisle resident with dogs, 2 at a time: Moved here because of conservation land. Love that people can let dogs run off leash as long as not injuring animals or people. Resident has not heard of anyone being attacked; surprises them that this is now being considered.
 - B. From a 29-yr resident: Lots of times they are walking, doing their thing, a dog runs and jumps on them. Later the owner says “oh, they’re friendly” - but that’s not the kind of interaction resident wanted to have. Given that there’s a licensing process already, educating owners at the time of licensing is a step in the right direction.
 - C. It was noted that the Conservation Commission has jurisdiction over lots of town land. They can set rules for use of their lands that would not have to go before town meeting.
- III. Committee discussion of public input
 - A. Committee discussed the AG’s informal comments on the bylaw, particularly the commercial dog walker section ‘public land’ provision.
 - B. It was noted that a veterinarian certificate could verify that they’re too young to be vaccinated.
- IV. Finalize bylaws for final review by Counsel / AG
 - A. Changes discussed to make the language consistent for dog owners and Commercial Business Dog Walkers
 - B. Owners to carry leashes with them
 - C. Owners by state statute need to tag their dogs
 - D. Modify 14.6.4.3.2 to be consistent on too young to be licensed
- V. Committee voted to present the bylaws, as amended, at the Town Meeting. All present voted in favor.

VI. Follow-up actions:

- A. Luke to discuss with Selectmen with liaison report.
- B. Stacy to write up FAQ document for town meeting

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.