

**Present:** Tom Failla, Chairman; Jane Connolly, Vice Chairman; Don Saltzman; Ken Edgar; Sally Korsh; Britta Lerner; Richard Wolf

**Also Present:** Nina Daniel, First Selectman; John Conte, Town Engineer; Mark Harper, Animal Control Officer; Patricia Sullivan, Town Attorney; Tracy Kulikowski, Land Use Director; members of the public

**Digitally recorded on 4/24/17**

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**DISCUSSION/DECISION [CONTINUED]: REFERRAL FOR CGS SECTION 8-24 REPORT, PROPOSED COMMUNITY DOG PARK, PORTION OF MOORE PROPERTY, MAP 17, BLOCK 1, LOT 17, DAVIS HILL ROAD**

7:02 p.m. Chairman Failla addressed the Commission members and the deliberation process began. The Commission discussed whether it was appropriate to consider, in its deliberations, material submitted after the public comment period had been closed. Pat Sullivan, Town Attorney, responded to questions from the Commission. The members agreed to continue the discussion.

Chairman Failla stated the concept of a town dog park is a good idea and believes further information would be beneficial, such as a council of neighbors and greater leadership from Parks and Recreation.

Sally Korsh commented that this 8-24 referral relates specifically to the Moore property and whether the proposed dog park is an appropriate use of this property.

Vice Chairman Connolly stated that a town dog park is a great idea, but does not believe this particular property is appropriate for a dog park. Jane Connolly would like to see this brought to a Town Meeting.

Ken Edgar stated that this proposal at this particular location should be presented at a Town Meeting for all residents to have their opinions heard. The 2010 Town Plan of Conservation and Development was discussed. Commissioner Edgar described possible questions to be asked at a potential Town Meeting.

Richard Wolf commented that although a town dog park is a good idea, the Moore property is not an appropriate location for the proposed use.

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After further discussion, and a polling of the members, Ken Edgar made a motion that the Commission approves appointing Jane Connolly and Ken Edgar to draft a negative Section 8-24 Report to be finalized at the next meeting. Seconded by Jane Connolly. Discussion ensued. By a 5-2 vote (for, Vice Chairman Connolly, Saltzman, Wolf, Edgar and Korsh; opposed, Chairman Failla and Lerner), motion carried. . Jane Connolly suggested that the members in the minority may also like to write a minority report.

Don Saltzman made a motion that the Commission adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Britta Lerner. Vote in favor (7-0).

8:02 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted:

AnnMarie Fontana, Administrative Assistant

**Approved: May 1, 2017**