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Middlesex Path

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To: Michael Hickey <mhickey@natickma.org>

Cc: selectmen@natickma.org, mmalone@natickma.org, Jim White <jwhite@natickma.org>, health@natickma.org

Dear Mr. Hickey:

I was heartened by Mr. Jannett's statement at the 5/28/19 Board of Selectmen meeting, concerning the town's plan for a dog park at Middlesex Path, that "...the RFP, and the responses to the RFP... need to match up to the requirements of the Board of Health, and I would think that that's pretty much what has to take place. If all those specifications from any of the boards or permits that were put in place are not met, then it is our job to make sure that it doesn't get awarded." He later clarified: "The RFP specifications will be monitored and reviewed to be sure that all of the requirements that were put forward by permitting and Board of Health, etc., are being met..."

Because of considerable interest in the remarks I had prepared for that meeting, I am attaching them here, with a request that this communication please be posted with other correspondence received by the Board of Selectmen.

Please understand that the emphasis on a future lawsuit in this week's article in the *Metrowest Daily News* did not come from me. Especially given Mr. Jannett's remarks, I am hopeful that the present Board of Selectmen will honor its duty to enforce town bylaws, which preclude a plan for a dog park at Middlesex Path that doesn't comply with the specifications articulated by the Board of Health; in which case it will likely be unnecessary for citizens to take further legal action.

Therefore I am sending also the original complaint that was submitted to Middlesex Superior Court, which explains how the dog park plan violates town bylaws. The town presented no argument to dispute the facts of the complaint; rather the town invested in legal action to have it dismissed without consideration of its merits. Concerned citizens are encouraged that the Board of Selectmen now appears to plan to enforce the bylaws, which is a turn of events.

I am also attaching the 2015 and 2017 letters from the Board of Health for reference.

Please let me know how you plan to proceed.

Thank you for your attention,
Melissa Probst

4 attachments



12-17-2015 BOH to Conserv Comm ltr.pdf
60K



APD Complaint.pdf
5006K



Board of Health Letter 12.1.17-1.pdf
1694K



Remarks for Selectmen's Mtg 5-28-19a.doc
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