



Neponset River Greenway Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 179 Walnut St., Dorchester, MA

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Guests

- **Becoming a Non-Profit:** *Review progress with John Lyons*
- **Discussion about Boston Waterfront Partners:** *Next meeting?*
- **DCR will issue permits to professional dog walkers.** *Policy on back. Discuss*
- **Graffiti** – *Jessica talked to head of Boston's Mural Crew. Lee emailed a mural artist.*

2. Along the Greenway with Stella Lensing, DCR Project Manager

- **Maintenance issues:** *What's new?*

Dorchester:

- **Segments 3 and 4** – Tenean Beach to Morrissey Blvd *Is there a design completion date, easement date?*
- **Segment 8** – Morrissey Blvd. drawbridge to UMass: *Next DCR public meeting date?*
- **Neponset Wharf** – project status
- **Billboards** and other developments
- **PJPII Park** – Trail still needs a crosswalk at Hallet St. and stop signs on the trail.

Milton:

- **Central Ave. crossing** – *Progress on improvements*
- **Milton Landing to Ventura Park** – *Will there be access to 2nd DCR bridge from Milton side?*

Mattapan:

- **Segment 2** – Central Ave to Mattapan Square: *Signage?*
- **Segment 6** – Crossing Blue Hill Ave.: *Is there any progress for a crossing along River St.?*
- **Mattapan Station apartments** – *progress report*
- **Mattapan Neighborhood Council** – *Do we have friends on it?*

Hyde Park:

- **Segment 7** – Fairmount to Dana Ave.: *Possibilities for path?*
- **Segment 9** – Connecting Trail to Paul's Bridge *Where are we? How about a walk in April?*
- **Wolcott Square** – *Redesign underway. Stefanie and Charlotte from the BTD are getting involved*
- **Meadow Rd.** – *Ideas for stopping dumping and speeding*

3. Events and Meetings

- **Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am, Neponset Greenway Bike Ride**, 27 miles from Paul's Bridge, Milton
- **April (dates?) walks on Mattapan/Milton stretch and between Paul's Bridge and the Martini Shell.**
- **Saturday, April 27 DCR Park Serve Day.** NepRWA clean up sites along the River looking for volunteers.
- **Saturday, May 4, afternoon, Barbara Baxter Garden dedication.** Photos of Barbara needed.
- **Other upcoming events?**

Upcoming Neponset River Greenway Council Meetings – Held first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
April 3, 2019 Foley Senior Residences, Mattapan May 1, 2019 Milton Yacht Club, Milton
June 5, 2019 Hyde Park Police Station, Hyde Park July 3 or 10, 2019 Port Norfolk Yacht Club

Issues on the trail? (non-emergency) MassParks line: 617-626-1250, 0 for operator or email mass.parks@state.ma.us

Join neponsetgreenway@googlegroups.com to take part in discussions between Greenway Council meetings

Join the Neponset River Greenway Council group on Facebook to keep track of Greenway events

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February 21, 2019

Dear DCR Park User:

Any commercial use of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) managed property requires a permit, but for many years commercial dog walkers have been using DCR parks for their businesses without permission. As a result of an open and public process to update the OCR regulations, the agency is now set to commence a new [Commercial Dog Walking Permit](#) starting in 2019.

The annual permit, which will expire on December 31st each year, regardless of when the permit is acquired during the year, will provide commercial dog walkers with access to specific DCR parklands in order to exercise their clients' pets. The permit will cost \$100 per year, and the collection of these nominal fees will serve as a vital revenue resource for the agency as the Department continues to further its mission to conserve and protect the state's natural resources, enabling citizens across the Commonwealth to incorporate and enjoy outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the state parks system.

The annual Commercial Dog Walking Permit will authorize a handler for up to eight dogs. Requirements for an individual to receive a permit and remain in good standing with the agency include:

- All dogs must be properly licensed in accordance with [M.G.L. c. 140, section 137 and 141](#) and all applicable local municipal ordinances;
- All dogs must wear a collar (no choke or prong collars are allowed) with current tags containing detailed license and rabies vaccine information;
- All dogs must remain leashed within on-leash areas, with a leash no longer than 10 feet in length tethered to a person; and,
- All dogs must be under control of the commercial dog walker at all times regardless if in an approved off-leash area or on-leash area.

Additionally, commercial dog walkers must display their issued permit while walking dogs on OCR parklands and abide by all [dogs in DCR parks rules and etiquette](#), including proper disposal of dog waste. Furthermore, with the exception of service dogs, dogs are not allowed at the following locations: Walden Pond State Reservation in Concord, City Square Park in Charlestown, Plum Island's Sandy Point State Reservation in Newburyport, the Boston Harbor Islands, inside DCR buildings (administrative offices, visitors centers, restrooms, etc.), indoor skating rinks, yurts and cabins, all OCR swimming pools, all OCR swimming beaches between May 1 and September 15 (unless otherwise posted), and all of DCR's Division of Water Supply Protection land and bodies of water, such as the Quabbin, Sudbury, Wachusett, and Foss Watersheds, and the Ware River Roger H. Lonergan Intake protection zone.

Those in violation of the Commercial Dog Walking Permit may receive a citation per infraction. For more information regarding the permit, please visit the DCR's [Commercial Dog Walking Permit](#) webpage. We appreciate your support in this matter, and please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,
Leo P. Roy Commissioner Department of Conservation and Recreation