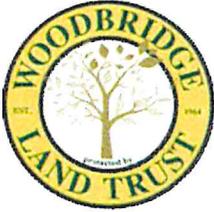


FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT



The Woodbridge Land Trust, Inc.
P.O. Box 3699
Woodbridge, CT 06525

July 26, 2018

The Honorable Beth Heller
First Selectman
Town of Woodbridge, CT
11 Meetinghouse Lane
Woodbridge, CT 06525

Dear Ms. Heller:

Please be advised that the Woodbridge Land Trust Board of Directors has considered the Town of Woodbridge's request seeking permission to use town owned property located at 52 Center Road, Woodbridge for the purpose of locating a dog park within the conservation easement area held by the Trust.

The Trust has previously considered and approved location A as identified in your June 12, 2018 letter. In a subsequent email dated July 16, 2018, Betsy Yaglia, Assistant Administrative Officer, asked the Trust to consider a newly identified location on the property designated as location D on an attached map. Having considered the new location, the Board deems location D to be suitable for a dog park and that such use is not inconsistent with the terms of the conservation easement.

Accordingly, the Board grants conceptual approval to use location D, with final approval contingent upon submission and review of a site plan depicting and describing:

1. The dimensions of the enclosure.
2. Any proposed changes to or disruption of the topography (e.g. impervious surfaces, new plantings, parking, disruption of wetlands and watercourses) within the limits of the dog park and subject to the conservation easement.
3. Any proposed structures, including but not limited to fencing.
4. Any changes to the property occasioned by the construction and location of the dog park that impact areas outside of the actual park but within the limits of the conservation easement.

The Trust is again pleased to see that a viable alternative to locating the dog park in the Chestnut orchard has been identified. We reaffirm our position that the alternative avoids disrupting and/or terminating the valuable, long standing scientific and educational experiment that Woodbridge residents have supported and expect to see completed. Similar to our previous approval of location A, location D provides a real compromise to relieve the unnecessary acrimony that has resulted from one community organization's attempt to displace and advance its agenda at the expense of another. Thank you for your help in resolving this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Pines", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bryan H. Pines, President



TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE
WOODBRIDGE, CONNECTICUT

TEL. (203) 389-3406

July 30, 2018

Board of Selectmen
Town of Woodbridge
11 Meetinghouse Lane
Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

Re: 8-24 Referral - Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 Referral regarding siting of Dog Park

Dear Board Members,

This is to serve to inform you that at its special meeting on July 16, 2018, the Woodbridge Town Plan and Zoning Commission acted on your referral for a report from the Commission pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding the location of a dog park on the Alegi property at 52 Center Road/160 Pease Road.

The Commission unanimous found that the location of a dog park on the Alegi property at 52 Center Road/160 Pease Road was not in accordance with the Town Plan of Conservation and Development, and that in view of the Town Plan of Conservation and Development that the best location for a dog park would be anywhere on the Fitzgerald Tract located at 100 Center Road.

Sincerely,

Allen Lipson, Secretary for the Commission
AL/ks



Southbury Dog Park - example of fencing.



Chestnut orchard Fence.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Re: Construction of Dog Park at the Fitzgerald Property

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2018 by and between the Town of Woodbridge ("Town") acting by its First Selectman, pursuant to approval by the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen, at its meeting on the ____ day of, 2018 and the Woodbridge Dog Park Cooperative ("WDPC"), acting by

WHEREAS, the Town pursuant to a vote of its Board of Selectmen on _____ 2018 agreed to permit the "WDPC" to construct a Dog Park compliant with all applicable Federal, State and Local building and zoning codes on a portion not to exceed 1.5 acres of the land owned by the Town known as the "Fitzgerald" property;(the parcel is more fully described on the attached Ex. A).

WHEREAS, this MOU is intended to set forth the terms and conditions for the construction of the Dog Park and it is hereby agreed and understood as follows:

1. The WDPC shall have up to twenty four (24) months from the date of this Agreement within which to complete the required fundraising and/or construction of the Dog Park. The Board of Selectmen shall not unreasonably withhold consent to a request by the WDPC to extend the twenty four (24) month period upon a showing that the WDPC has made substantial progress toward the completion of the Dog Park and/or fundraising;
2. The WDPC shall report and advise the BOS on an annual basis of progress, fundraising and the status of the Dog Park project;
3. The WDPC shall be responsible for raising all funds required to construct the Dog Park including funds for preliminary construction drawings, engineering services and site work. The Town shall not pay or contribute any money whatsoever for the construction of the Dog Park;
4. The WDPC shall periodically report to the BOS on the process used to hire contractors and sub-contractors for the project as well as providing a list of individuals and entities engaged to perform the work;
5. The parties agree that construction of the Dog Park shall not begin until WDPC has raised all funds necessary to complete construction of the Dog Park;

6. The WDPC must obtain prior approval from all applicable Woodbridge Zoning Boards and Commissions, Building Department and other Agencies for the design, site plan and parking plan of the Dog Park. The approvals shall include the Town Plan & Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals;

7. The Town, prior to commencement of construction, shall designate an individual paid by the WDPC who will be responsible for the general day to day supervision of the project in order to assure that all work meets satisfactory construction standards and specifications. The WDPC and its contractors shall cooperate with the designated individual so as to insure an orderly and efficient construction process.

8. Upon completion of the construction of the Dog Park, the Town will own the improvements on the Fitzgerald property consisting of the Dog Park and all related personal property, if any, (Fencing etc.) and the WDPC shall be responsible for all maintenance, upkeep, and repairs to the Dog Park.

9. This MOU may only be amended by mutual written agreement of the parties.

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE

WOODBIDGE DOG PARK COOPERATIVE

BY

BETH HELLER
Its First Selectman

BY:

Attachment A

Preliminary site location, 1.5 acres



ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Subject: Dog Park and Wednesday's agenda
Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 at 4:00:27 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Blake, Bonnie
To: Beth Heller
CC: Shaw, Gerry
Priority: High

Dear Beth:

Hope things are better with your brother. I'm sorry that you are facing family challenges on top of your overwhelming efforts for our Town.

I understand from Gerry that it is still not clear whether the dog park will be officially on the agenda for Wednesday. This is important to us as we are scrambling to put the final touches on a very comprehensive proposal.

In the interest of time I have quickly listed below the highlights of what our proposal will address.

We have spent weeks working on a detailed, well-researched written proposal for the creation of a dog park on the Fitzgerald Property as well as a slide show that will provide the BoS with a better idea of what we envision our dog park will look like.

We have spent hours working with Kris Sullivan and Warren Connor reviewing wetlands maps and surface materials in order to comply with ADA and wetlands standards.

ADA: great, great news – we have heard from the U.S. Access Board, in writing, and it would seem that the existing parking lot and walkway surfaces are satisfactory, and they also confirmed that current ADA standards do not indicate a maximum distance from parking spots to the entry; thus the location of the current lot will suffice for most areas of the Fitzgerald Tract.

This information removes the last fact-based objection to locating a dog park on Fitzgerald.

Wetlands: there are flagged wetlands adjacent to the “G” section we would need to skirt as well as proper procedures to be taken within the 100’ buffer zone, and our design takes all that into account.

Dog Park design and construction, rules of use: we have spent dozens of hours visiting with the organizers of dog parks around Connecticut and have created a detailed spreadsheet showing the key issues to be considered and how each town has addressed these challenges.

We have agonized over the best possible positioning and design of a dog park on the G section of Fitzgerald – to create a naturally beautiful dog park that will be accessible and safe and which the whole Town can be proud of.

Incorporation, By Laws and 501c3: in consultation with attorneys and a CPA and hours of research, we are in the final stages of filing for non-profit status, and the appropriate documents are included in our proposal.

Fundraising: we have obtained prices on dedicated bricks, benches, fence sections/gates and some great ideas from the successful fundraising events held in other towns. We will be looking to create community-building events in our town, working with other agencies where possible to bring residents together.

Beth, we are in the last stages of finalizing this proposal and slide presentation, which would require the use of a screen and projection capabilities from a laptop. Thus, we would really like to know today if we are on the

agenda or not. I know that you and all Board members would like to get this matter resolved as quickly as possible.

If for any reason you don't believe the Board is ready to vote on this proposal this week, then we ask that at the very least the BoS votes to formally advise the Land Trust of the Town's intent to update the "arrangement" made with the BoS in 2005 to reflect their actual usage of the Fitzgerald Property since then: the 1.5 acres fenced in for their chestnut experiment, and to state the Town's intention to re-claim the remaining 1.5 acres mentioned in the arrangement but never used by the Land Trust – or whatever wording Jerry Weiner feels is appropriate – to start the process of officially removing that G section from their control. Even if the Board subsequently determines not to site the dog park on Section G, it would be a good idea for the Town to clarify that usage arrangement with the LT, since it appears that someone might be haying that section.

I am looking forward to our meeting at 4pm tomorrow, but need to know sooner than that if we will be able to make a formal presentation to the Board Wednesday evening.

Thank you,

Bonnie

AUG 06 2018

184 Rimmon Road
Woodbridge, CT 06525

August 6, 2018

Board of Selectmen
Town of Woodbridge

Re: Dog Park Proposal

Dear members of the Board of Selectmen:

I understand that some dog park advocates are now focused on constructing a dog park on "Section G" of the Fitzgerald Tract. As indicated on the attached map (provided by Betsy Yagla), Section G lies adjacent to the Chestnut Grove and consists of acreage that is currently farmed.

The continued focus on the Fitzgerald Tract is regrettable. Other locations in town, such as public land off of Litchfield Turnpike or a portion of the Country Club, would provide a reasonable location for a dog park without upsetting some 275 Woodbridge residents who signed a petition asking the Board of Selectmen to preserve the peace and tranquility of the Fitzgerald walking trails and find another location for a dog park.

Further, a dog park on Section G would require the permanent loss of prime farmland. Yet the current Woodbridge Plan of Conservation and Development "declares[s] that it is in the public interest to encourage the preservation of farmland." Plan at page 86. It recommends that the Town "[d]evelop policies and incentives to encourage preservation of operating and historic farms and avoid further development on prime farmland soils." Page 87.

Finally, a dog park on Section G retains many of the siting problems that plague the location of a dog park in the Chestnut Grove. New parking would need to be placed at the dog park, both to comply with the ADA and to provide easy access for District Animal Control personnel. Cars driving to the new parking would be driving on walking paths. For other concerns, please see my letter of July 6, 2018.

Should the Selectmen decide nonetheless to consider placing a dog park on Section G of the Fitzgerald Tract, I ask that you consider this option ONLY in the context of a larger proposal. Something more must be done to address the concerns of some 275 petitioners and the policies set forth in the Town's Plan.

Accordingly, I propose that any consideration of Section G be given in the context of a larger proposal to address all of the designated sections of farmland on the attached map. Sections A-F should be placed under a permanent, enforceable agricultural restriction to assure that the remaining Fitzgerald farmland is preserved. Either the Woodbridge Land Trust or the Woodbridge Park Association could be invited to hold this restriction. Without this concurrent action, the rest of Fitzgerald remains vulnerable to the next suggested use – whether a ballfield, yoga platform, or other active recreation activity. And the very act of approving a dog park on Fitzgerald will encourage residents to propose additional active recreational uses for Fitzgerald's acreage. The Town needs to assure residents who enjoy Fitzgerald just the way it is that the dog park is the LAST active recreation facility to be added to the Tract.

Placing an agricultural restriction on Sections A-F would help ameliorate the loss of farmland in Section G. It offers a creative solution to address the competing interests of the many people who have voiced an opinion about placing a dog park on the Fitzgerald Tract. It furthers the policy goals of the Town Plan, and offers an action that can be cited in the Town's application for recognition as a Sustainable CT Community. And it assures that town residents won't have to battle in the future over the fate of Fitzgerald's beautiful landscape.

Thank you for your consideration.

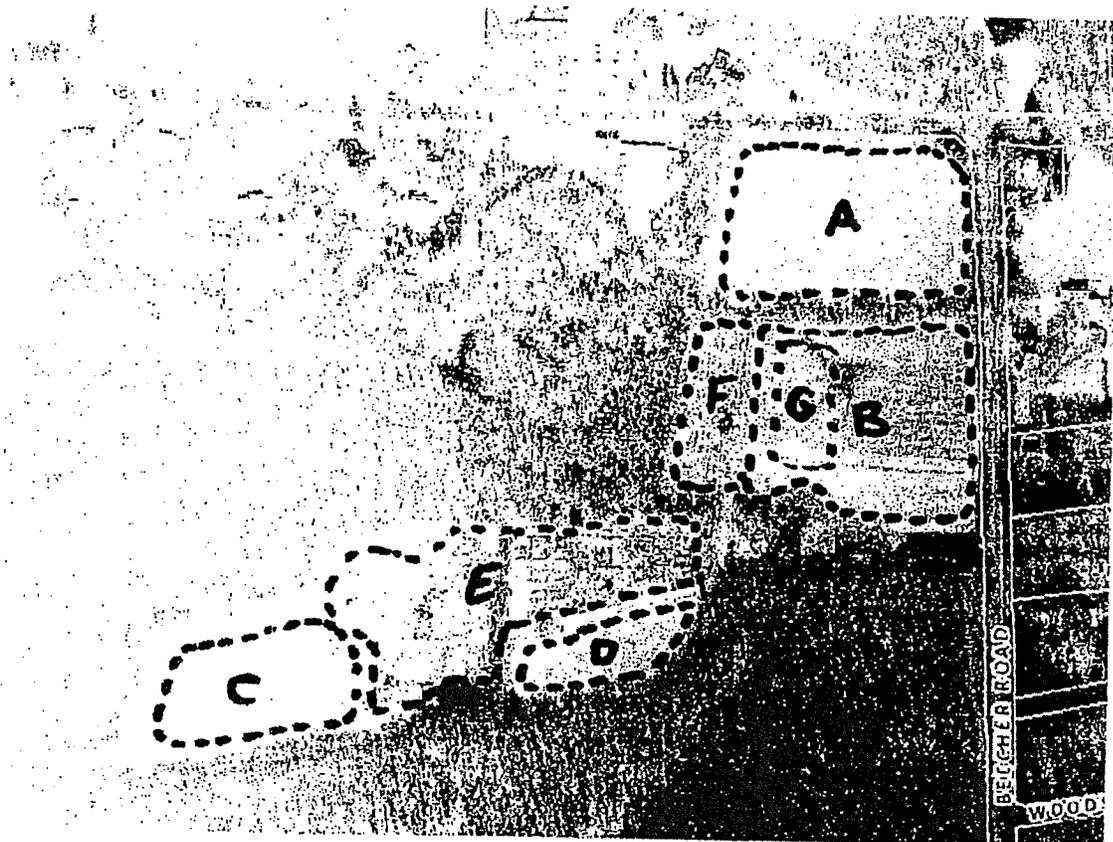
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amey Marrella". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Amey Marrella

FitzGerald Property – Use Under the Direction of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen
Summary provided March 6, 2018

- A = Front Field 1 currently leased as Farmland to Keith Arnold (March 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018)
- B = Front Field 2 currently leased as Farmland to Keith Arnold (March 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018)
- C = Lower Meadow Field currently leased as Farmland to Keith Arnold (March 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018)
with co-use arrangement with Amity Regional High School Cross Country Athletics Team
- D = Middle Meadow, designated in 2016 as Bio Diversity Garden upon the recommendation of the
Best Organic/Outdoor Maintenance & Management Practices (BOMP) ad hoc committee
- E = Community Garden, lots leased annually to individual community members (1982 CUPOP Survey)
- F = Chestnut Nursery, fenced-in area, used under arrangement with the Woodbridge Land Trust (dates
of agreement being researched)



* Dashed lines indicate approximate areas of use – these are not formal boundaries – not an official map

Shaw, Gerry

From: Leland Torrence <leland@ltweb.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 6:02 AM
To: JU; kaynish@aol.com; shepherdsarahe@aol.com; lelandtorrence@yahoo.com; lelandtorrence@optonline.net; conwaywilliamj@gmail.com; cwick@optonline.net; pjdecoster@optonline.net; pcooper@snet.net; cmsorensen152@aol.com; tsorensen152@gmail.com; ethan@koanfarms.com; oliverhulland@gmail.com; kristynahulland@gmail.com; savinovineyards@sbcglobal.net; latronicas@icloud.com; Wluciani@gianow.com; mikbrns2@aol.com; slvrstn@optonline.net; farmer@beforeandafterfarms.com; veitcha.614@gmail.com; aurbano89@gmail.com; jason@sector13.org; david.bercovici@yale.edu; steve@massarofarmcsa.org; cathy.shufro@yale.edu
Cc: Beth Heller; ameymarrella@sbcglobal.net; acardoza@snet.net; jdey@gjsins.com; dalober@aol.com; Shaw, Gerry
Subject: RE: Request to Take Fitzgerald Farmland Now Under Lease

To whom it may concern,

As a current member of the Conservation Commission, and past member of Planning and Zoning, and an advocate for farming in Woodbridge, I am strongly opposed to using farmlands for anything other than farming.

Sincerely,

Leland Torrence

From: JU <researchdevllc@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 10:44 PM
To: kaynish@aol.com; shepherdsarahe@aol.com; lelandtorrence@yahoo.com; lelandtorrence@optonline.net; conwaywilliamj@gmail.com; cwick@optonline.net; pjdecoster@optonline.net; pcooper@snet.net; cmsorensen152@aol.com; tsorensen152@gmail.com; ethan@koanfarms.com; oliverhulland@gmail.com; kristynahulland@gmail.com; savinovineyards@sbcglobal.net; latronicas@icloud.com; Wluciani@gianow.com; mikbrns2@aol.com; slvrstn@optonline.net; farmer@beforeandafterfarms.com; veitcha.614@gmail.com; aurbano89@gmail.com; jason@sector13.org; david.bercovici@yale.edu; steve@massarofarmcsa.org; cathy.shufro@yale.edu
Cc: bheller@woodbridgect.org; ameymarrella@sbcglobal.net; acardoza@snet.net; jdey@gjsins.com; dalober@aol.com; gshaw@woodbridgect.org
Subject: Request to Take Fitzgerald Farmland Now Under Lease

All,

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At least three sites (two near the Pease Road playground and soccer fields, and one near the town tennis courts on Center Road) have been offered to the dog park advocates. They are perfectly suitable sites, and are not leased or prime farmland.

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Jim Urbano

Shaw, Gerry

From: Beth Heller
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Shaw, Gerry
Subject: FW: Farmland going to the dogs

Please add to correspondence packet for tonight's meeting

From: "Shufro, Cathy" <cathy.shufro@yale.edu>
Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 8:36 AM
To: Beth Heller <bheller@woodbridgect.org>
Subject: Farmland going to the dogs

Dear Ellen,

I'm out of town but would like to express my wish that we not use farmland for a dog park. Would you please distribute this to the full board?

Thank you very much.

Cathy

August 8, 2018

To the Board of Selectmen:

As climate change intensifies, we have a responsibility to protect the farmland that Woodbridge is so fortunate to have. Placing a dog park on fertile land would be shortsighted. Fortunately, the town can offer several other locations for a dog park.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Shufro
9 Beecher Road

Shaw, Gerry

From: Beth Heller
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Shaw, Gerry
Subject: FW: Request to Take Fitzgerald Farmland Now Under Lease

Please add to correspondence packet for tonight's meeting

From: Jason Morrill <jason@sector13.org>
Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 9:20 AM
To: Beth Heller <bheller@woodbridgect.org>
Subject: Fwd: Request to Take Fitzgerald Farmland Now Under Lease

Beth,

I'd like to point out incorrect points in Jim's notice of opposition to the dog park (below)

Jim states the Pease Rd locations are not prime farmland. He is incorrect.

Nearly all of the Pease Rd property is considered "prime farmland". And, in fact, Jim paved over prime farmland to build a commercial building and now generates income from his destruction of prime farmland - so, the hypocrisy is thick with these statements coming from him.

He states Keith has a year-to-year lease. This is misleading as Keith has a single year lease. Another farmer could apply for that same lease next year and then the BoS would need to decide whom gets it. This lease is not something that is on-going to a single tenant.

Also, this lease benefits a single person where a dog park provides benefit to hundreds of town residents.

Jim states the site by the tennis courts is suitable for a dog park. It was already ruled out for a number of reasons - including size and topography.

I'd also like to point out the "ice staking rink" was installed during Amey's term (I think) as first selectwoman. This literally paved over prime farmland. Her opposition to the dog park on the grounds of protecting farmland is also tainted.

Just thought you should be clear on some of the fallacies of Jim and Amey's most recent opposition.

Best,
Jason

----- Forwarded message -----

From: JU <researchdevllc@aol.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 10:43 PM
Subject: Request to Take Fitzgerald Farmland Now Under Lease
To: kaynish@aol.com, shepherdsarahe@aol.com, lelandtorrence@yahoo.com, lelandtorrence@optonline.net, conwaywilliamj@gmail.com, cwick@optonline.net, pidecoster@optonline.net, pcooper@snet.net, cmsorensen152@aol.com, sorensen152@gmail.com, ethan@koanfarms.com, oliverhulland@gmail.com, kristynahulland@gmail.com, savinovineyards@sbcglobal.net, latronicas@icloud.com, Wluciani@gianow.com, mikbrns2@aol.com, sivrstn@optonline.net, farmer@beforeandafterfarms.com, veitcha.614@gmail.com, aurbano89@gmail.com, jason@sector13.org,

david.bercovici@yale.edu, steve@massarofarmcsa.org, cathy.shufro@yale.edu

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Jim Urbano

Shaw, Gerry

From: Blake, Bonnie <bonnie.blake@yale.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 12:09 PM
To: Beth Heller; Betsy Yagla; Sheila McCreven
Cc: Shaw, Gerry
Subject: Comparison of area dog parks
Attachments: Area dog park comp 8.7.18.pdf

This took months of research and in-person visits.

Please note dog park size.

The only parks less than 1.5 acres in size, are those built before 2005: Hamden and Milford.
And Milford is in the process of creating a bigger, better dog park, and Hamden wishes it could expand!

To be successful – and safe – dog parks need to offer what dogs would do off leash in nature: run and explore!

I guarantee our dog park will seriously reduce the number of people allowing their dogs to run off leash on town properties!

Bonnie

Comparison of Area Dog Parks

Woodbridge Dog Park Cooperative Inc.

	HAMDEN	CHESHIRE	NAUGATUCK	GUILFORD	SHELTON	MILFORD
YEAR CREATED	2002	2013	2017	2016	2010	2003
FUNDING SOURCES (Town or donations)						
To create	both	donation	both	donation	both	Town
To maintain	both	both	town	town	town	town
<i>(see separate Fundraising sheet)</i>						
SIZE	1 acre	2 acres	3 acres	1.5 acres	1.75 acres	0.17 acres
LOCATION						
adjacent to other passive rec?	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
SURFACE MATERIAL						
	gravel	grass	grass	wood chips	grass/rock face	grass/dirt
FENCE - TYPE						
	chain link	chain link	chain link	chain link	chain link	chain link
Separate small dog area? Size?	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Double Gate entry - size	8 x 10 ft	8' x 16 ft	15 x 15 ft *	10 x 10 ft	5 x 15 ft	none
Height	5 ft.	4 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	4 ft.	6 ft.
SITE WORK						
How extensive	clearing	minimal	new mountain road	clearing	rock ledge	minimal
MAINTENANCE						
If grass, who mows	N/A	town	town	N/A	town	town
if wood chips or pea gravel, who replenishes/how often?	town	N/A	N/A	tree co. donation	N/A	N/A
Leaf removal and seasonal clean-ups - who does?	volunteers	town	town	volunteers	town	N/A
TRASH REMOVAL - who handles?						
inside enclosure or outside?	town	town	town	town	town	town
	outside	both	both	outside	Both	both
SNOW REMOVAL - who handles?						
parking lot and walkways?	town	town	town	town	town	town
inside enclosure?	parking lot	parking lot	parking lot	parking lot	parking lot	parking lot
	no	no	no	no	no	no
POOP BAGS						
Who supplies?	volunteers	town	town	town	town	town
Where located?	inside	both	inside	inside	inside	outside
COSTS						
Total cost to create park	\$30,000	\$25,000	over \$100,000*	\$42,000	\$25,000	unknown
Monthly or annual costs to maintain	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown

*Naugatuck has separate entrances to small and large dog sections. Each is 15 X 15 ft.

DOG PARK – NOT ON FITZGERALD

Phone messages received August 8, 2018 to be noted at Board of Selectmen meeting
Re Dog Park:

Andrea Urbano – 203-815-9056: Against a dog park on farm land. Other land has been identified and leased farm is a priority for farming.

William Jones – 203-395-8273 (1038 Johnson Road) – Dog park should not be on leased or any land identified as farm land. The Pease Road site is better suited.

Jerry Savino – 128 Ford Road – 203-387-1573: Opposed to taking Fitzgerald farm land for any other purpose than farm land.

Peter Cooper – Amity Road – 203-865-7380: Urges that the existing farm lease on Fitzgerald continue and the dog park is located at a non-farming place.