

Hancock Hounds Dog Park Proposal



Please note: This document is a proposal for a Dog Park in Hancock, New York. This exploratory committee *Friends of the Hancock Hounds Dog Park* continues to work with the Town of Hancock, and Delaware County to agree on specific terms and opportunities.

*Building and planning with the history of the area may open up the Dog Park to certain grant opportunities.

Executive Summary

This exploratory committee is currently working to establish and build/finance a new Dog Park for the surrounding community. This was done in response to several years of citizen interest and informal requests to the Town of Hancock and the surrounding towns/ hamlets within it to establish a dog park for the betterment of the town.

“The Dog Park Task Force shall make a recommendation to the appropriate community leaders, boards, and municipal/regulatory governors regarding the establishment of a local dog park for public use in the area of Hancock, New York. The committee shall report on possible locations, design, landscape design and construction costs, and manpower required for ongoing maintenance. The committee will also work to resolve issues surrounding funding, volunteer resources, safety and liability issues, and help to document and establish Dog Park rules and regulations. Membership shall always include at least one member of the DPTF and a Town Chairperson, along with local citizens from the Town and Village. If a proposed location is not under the care, custody, and control of the DPTF, then a member of the responsible board or committee shall be invited to join the task force. If no task force member lives near a proposed location, then every effort shall be made to include a nearby citizen on the task force.”

The committee shall post a community wide request for volunteers, we anticipate approximately 5-10 residents will donate their time to this cause, including committee members. It may be necessary or appropriate to create a separate 501c(3) non-profit organization, Friends of the Hancock Hounds Dog Park (FHHDP). If so, the non-profit 501(c)3 will be registered with the State of New York and the United States Internal Revenue Service. If so structured, it is advisable that FHHDP will comprise of numerous board members and anticipates needing 5-10 regular community volunteers and be structured with appointees as outlined for the Task Force above.

The mission of the FHHDP is to contribute to the health and well-being of people and domestic dogs through advocating for the design, construction, maintenance and safe operation of enclosed, off-leash recreation areas in Hancock, New York. Once a dog park is established, the FHHDP envisions offering seminars, training, and community events geared toward promoting responsible dog ownership. The operational aspects of the dog park will be mostly volunteer labor, Committee Stewardship and our Dog Park will be modeled after other local successful dog parks nearby and across the nation. There are many known dog parks in the Tri-State area from which to draw a wealth of experience, including Deposit, and Binghamton, NY.

The primary source of funds for construction of this park are yet to be finalized, although some local committee members are well versed in grant writing and fundraising, and we have spoken with Delaware Opportunities and The Mee Foundation already and met with great support!

As of July, 2021 the committee members are: Jill Keller, Ashley Rossi, Vallessa Monk, Richard Lowe, Alice Furfaro, Geraldine Walsh, Catherine VanMater, Michael Fruchtman, Cindy Ray, Donna Torch, Jerry Vernold(Hancock - Town Supervisor) and Laura/The Camptons Team. All members are listed on the Homepage of HancockHounds.com and are updated weekly.

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Vision and Mission

Our vision is a one to two acre dog park built, maintained, and member-monitored. A variety of funding sources are being explored, including membership fees, donations, fund-raising and funds from the local community foundations or committee members. Local fundraising can be established with a 501(c)3 “Friends of the Hancock Hounds Dog Park, LLC (FCDP).” We envision a park that builds and fosters strong relationships between residents and well-socialized dogs, and a location for joint events for the FHHDP and the Hancock Community as well as other appropriate local organizations to learn, teach, and raise awareness and funds for causes specific to canine welfare, public safety, and physical/mental health.

Needs Analysis *(We would like 2016-2021 Stats from Town/Village)*

According to the Village/Town Clerk’s Office, Hancock has XXX licensed dogs from 2016-2021. This averages out as XX per household. This committee feels that the creation of a dog park would assist in controlling dogs in prohibited public areas and reduce aggression in the local townships by creating a safe space for dog owners to train and build trust with their dogs and other area dogs to establish reduced territorial behavior. Most public parks are not ideal for this, and Hancock does not currently have a Public Park making it even harder for residents to find an acceptable place to exercise their canine companions safely for all residents.

Public Support

The committee has already established and intends to continue to promote The Hancock Hounds Dog Park Facebook Group found at Facebook.com/HancockHoundsDogPark / @HandcockHoundsDogPark on Instagram.com/HancockHoundsDogPark #HancockHoundsDogPark. Within a few days of creation it already had 60 followers on Facebook, and 42 on Instagram showing a good start to local interest. The website launched one week ago, and already has an active viewership of over 200 people, as well as a Newsletter that currently reaches 45 people. There is also a public petition available to sign on the website at: <https://hancockhounds.com/sign-the-hancock-dog-park-petition/> all signatures can be seen at: <https://hancockhounds.com/petition-list/>

Committee members are scheduled to present the dog park benefits at numerous public events, including local town meetings, summer festivals and fall programs. To date, the dog park website and social media channels have received mostly positive support from dog owners and nonowners alike.

Benefits to the Community

The list of benefits gained by Hancock and its citizens include but are not limited to:

- Decreased number of off-leash dogs in other public spaces, making it easier for leash laws to be enforced elsewhere in town, as well as educate the public about these laws
- Dog socialization reduces anxiety toward new situations/dogs creating calmer dog-neighbors
- Less barking/jumping: a tired dog is a well-behaved dog
- Pedestrian safety: those without access to sidewalks would have a place to exercise their dog, and keep people out of the streets with their dogs
- A place to exercise for those in the many new multi-unit dwellings in town
- Safety: additional presence in considered land development lots would deter loiterers and others who may use the nearby land for prohibited activities
- Access to exercise and socialization for disabled or mobility-challenged persons and dogs
- A dog park is an attractive amenity for prospective residents of Hancock. One new resident to Hancock was outbid on their first choice in Deposit, NY by \$40k due to the Dog Park amenity behind the property and it's close proximity.
- Trulia.com lists presence of a local dog park as a top 8 feature that increases property value

Risk Analysis

The risk to build, operate and maintain a dog park in Hancock would be minimal for the following reasons:

- Costs to local community
 - Liability to Town (Insurance needs to be reviewed)
 - Property Selection & Location Maintenance
 - Mis-use of space by local criminals or miscreants
 - Sounds & Odors
 - Sanitation & Care for Property
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- The committee feels everything currently on the Risk Analysis list can be handled appropriately and timely. The committee is prepared to work hard to quell these concerns and provide feedback on how to mitigate and avoid such risks. Such as motion detectors, local paid sanitation pickups, beautification with local clubs or members, and selection of property upfront that solves many of these concerns.

Land Acquisition

The committee is scouting out all County/Village/Town-owned land, which over one acre in size (excluding conservation or protected wetlands), we intend to provide a detailed site map of the area and possible sites, at the next Board meetings in August, with given preference listings based on the following considerations, among others:

- Natural aesthetic
- Accessibility of location during all seasons
- Potential for parking or overflow traffic
- Cost/Donation of Land & Maintenance costs

A future presentation will include the committee selected or nominated land options. As the committee progresses it will keep the following Pros/Cons listed below in mind.

Pros:

- No residential abutters within 100 feet. Does the Town/Village have a request for distance from residences?
- Flat land preferred
- Partially wooded

Cons:

- Power/Water might not be available immediately, and could be expensive
- Parking lot and excavation/access costs

If the committee finds locally owned land from the County/Town/Village of Hancock, they could agree to maintain a dog park for insurance purposes, and enter into a shared services agreement with the Dog Park LLC, or non-profit 501(c)3 to finance its operations at no cost to the local taxpayers. The town can either lease or license the park stewardship to the non-profit corporation such as has been created in Deposit. Alternatively, the Town of Hancock could operate the park, and bill the non-profit for the expenses incurred and establish an annual budget guidelines for the committee to hit, while the non-profit fundraisers and donates the costs back to the town. A Use Agreement could be an alternative arrangement to a Lease and research is being done on this subject to find out what has been done with other organizations. Should the lease/ use agreement be violated or terminated, the FCDP would be responsible to remove the fence and any equipment/structures from the premises. Particulars of the exit strategy would have to be negotiated with the designation landowner or local municipality.

Design

The committee envisions a dog park that maintains its natural aesthetic with:

1. A chain-link fenced-in “small dog” area
2. A chain-link fenced-in “all dog” area
3. Double-gated entrance and exit, all through one entry wall for liability and control
4. Trash & Waste receptacles throughout the property
5. Waste Bags (Large & Small) for public use
6. Benches & Picnic Tables for public use
7. Water access for people and animals
8. Colored dog-tags issued for residents to show vaccination for ease of enforcement of rules

A fully see-through fenced-in dog park will provide a safe and fun environment for dogs to exercise and socialize, without harming the look of the natural landscape. The double-gated entry provides the owner with the opportunity to unleash his or her dog in a safe and confined area, eliminating the danger of the dog getting loose outside of the park. This system also allows the dog to become acclimated to being off-leash prior to entering the main park, eliminating any potential “leash aggression” that may have occurred. The park will feature benches and/or picnic tables, as well as an informational kiosk laced outside the gate, and is doubled sided so rules can be seen at entry as well as inside the Dog Park.. All structures will be built to be non-permanent, but secured against theft or flood.

We might wish to reach out to local organizations such as the local High School, Eagle Scouts, or Nature Center with opportunities to help build/Decorate some or all of these structures as part of existing community service pledges or initiatives for town beautification. Other features of the park might include: agility equipment, water fountains, and natural play features such as boulders or training tires. See plans at back of Proposal.

Membership Options

The dog park could be and likely will be free and open to the general public. However, this can be discussed and designated to be anything, such as: Hancock residents only, or membership only, with proof of vaccination needed and supplied to local dog leash enforcement personnel and any required town canine registration paperwork for the local clerk’s office.

We would like Town/Village input for this section as what is required by the municipalities.

Free and Open to the Public

Most dog parks are free and open to the public. They are often maintained by a combination of the town and any associated groups of volunteers, like a non-profit organization.

The rules would be posted at the gate and any park users would acknowledge their compliance with the rules upon entry to the Dog Park.

Pros

- Anyone in the greater community can participate (public use of public land)
- The Recreational Use statute protects from liability when fees are not charged for use of the park **(Should be considered important)**

Cons

- No way to formally ensure that dogs have vaccinations or are otherwise healthy
- No way to formally know who is coming and going

Hancock Residents Only

Upon licensing one's dog, the Town could send those who indicate they want to use the dog park a special dog park tag (potentially donated by the associated non-profit organization), which would change annually, much like the Transfer Station Sticker.

Pros

- Start simple and assess traffic patterns and overall usage
- The Town/Village can confirm registrants are vaccinated and licensed
- Upon registration, a suggested donation could be requested
- Open to all Hancock residents
- The Recreational Use statute protects from liability when fees are not charged for use of the park

Cons

- Will be disliked by dog owners living outside of Hancock but participating in the community

Membership Only

Example: The Nashua, NH members-only dog park is on a parcel of city-owned land. A non-profit leases the land for \$1 annually so it can completely manage the park. The non-profit organization charges a fee for membership, which is used for its lock system, its fecal DNA registry, ongoing maintenance of the park, and liability insurance.

Pros

- Raises revenue for ongoing maintenance
- Ability to control and monitor who attends
- Ability to ensure dogs are vaccinated

- Friends from surrounding communities can join

Cons

- 36% of survey respondents do not support a members-only model
- Requires volunteers to administer membership
- Additional cost for lock system
- Town meeting vote required in order to lease land to non-profit with the potential to have to issue an RFP
- Creates liability and insurance issues

Legal Structure

Friends of the Hancock Hounds Dog Park, a [501 c (3)] could be organized and recognized as such by the United States Federal government and the State of New York. Papers of incorporation and related bylaws could be drafted and submitted within 14 days of approval by the committee, based on the outcome of Village/Town meetings.

Financials

The committee is in the process of finalizing cost projections, many are outlined within the proposal already. We seek this project to be cost-neutral and efficient as other Town/Village entities in Hancock. The Hancock Hounds Dog Park aims to be as cost-neutral to taxpayers as possible. The bulk of the park's ongoing funding would come from local donors, business supporters, non-profit fundraising and potential registration fees and grants.

Organizational Financial History

To date the committee has not held formal fundraisers, but we have already designed the HancockHounds.com website to sell merchandise such as stickers, face-masks, portable seats, pillows and others items to secure funding, raise awareness and create a profit center for the organization to provide long-lasting financial support for the Dog Park. We intend to build all Hancock Hounds infrastructure to support the financial needs of the organization from the very beginning. You can see this merchandise on the website or in the back of the proposal with media images. This is due to a conscientious and deliberate decision to not solicit funds without first: having secured a piece of land; having involved abutters in the planning phase; having announced the membership structure to potential supporters. Our group has enjoyed wide support from many residents; the committee will employ these resources when there is a more

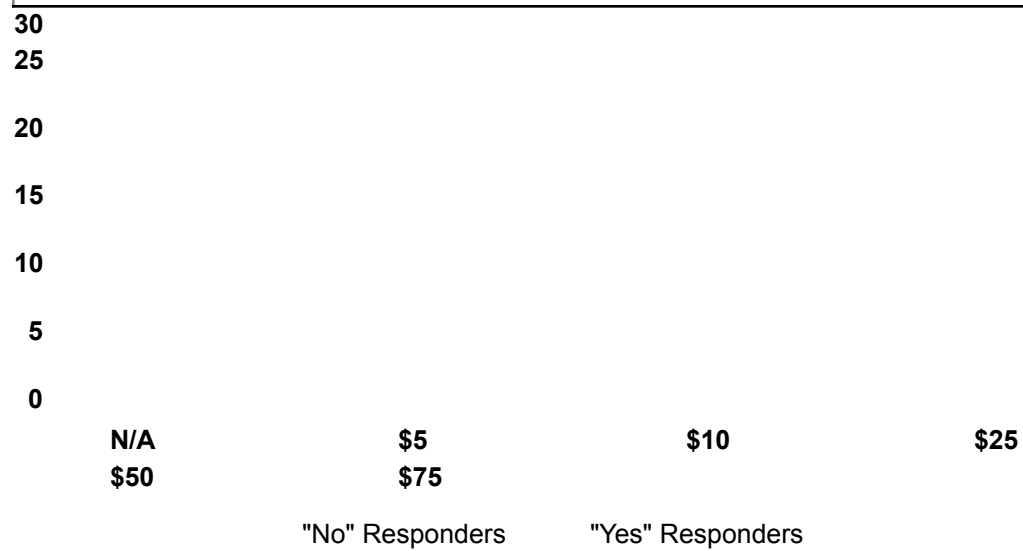
formal agreement on the parameters of the park, including a Landscape Architect being provided by Delaware County for our use.

Exit Strategy

Regardless of local support from the village itself, the committee plans on building the Dog Park within the Town with the support of Delaware County, and as such we also wish to maintain an emergency contingency fund in case circumstances dictate the closure of the dog park or we receive less use being further from the Village proper. We hope to avoid this issue by working directly with the Village and securing their support for this initiative.

Supporting Documents

- A. Draft Budget - Example
- B. Dog Park Land Search Spreadsheet - In works, example provided
- C. Friends of the Hancock Hounds Dog Park Incorporation Papers - Example Docs
- D. Friends of the Hancock Hounds Dog Park Bylaws - Example Docs
- E. Draft Park Rules - We would like Town/Village Input and Recommendations
- F. Dog Park Membership Survey Results
- G. List of all Hancock Hounds Dog Park Petition Signers from 07/09/21-07/12/21
- H. Images of Website, Social Media Channels, Logos, and Custom Merchandise

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Hancock Hounds Dog Park Proposed Budget

*The following numbers are all estimates. No budgetary numbers should be considered final until a location for the dog park is finalized

Expenses:

		Cost Per Unit	# of Units	Total Cost
	Main park Construction			
1	Site preparation (grading, stump removal, ect)			\$5,000
2	Fencing (Galvanized Chain Link, 8 ft. height)	\$10	800 ft	\$8,000
3	Grass Management (Landscaping)	\$100.00	800 ft	\$1,200
4	Parking Lot (30 spaces / gravel surface)			\$10,000
5	Entrance/Exit Gate (safety double gates)	\$500	2	\$1,000
6	Keypad Entrance System*	\$2,000	1	\$2,000
7	Signage (rules, liability information)	\$1,250		\$1,250
8	Bulletin Board	\$2,000	1	\$2,000
	Amenities			
9	Benches	\$450	6	\$2,700
	Picnic Tables	\$450	3	\$1,350

	Storage Shed	\$2,000	1	\$2,000
	Gazebo/Shade Structure	\$4,000	1	\$4,000
	Dog Waste Stations (Waste removal tools and bags)	\$150	5	\$750
	Trash barrels	\$100	2	\$200
	Water Spigot (for providing water to dogs)	\$1,000	2	\$2,000
	Agility /Play Equipment			\$3,500
	2021-2022 TOTAL			\$46,950
	2023 Future Infrastructure Investments			
	Water Services*			\$10,000
	Power Services			\$5,000
	Construction Subtotal			\$61,950
	Contingencies			
	Design	0%		\$0.00
	Administrative expenses	3%		\$1,855
	Construction	5%		\$3,097
	Escalation	3%		\$1,855
	Total Expenses			\$68,757

Revenue:			
	Donations or Business Sponsorship	90%	\$61,881
	Community Access or Training Fees	10%	\$6,876
Total Revenue			\$68,757

Rules and Regulations for Hancock Hounds Dog Park

The Town/Village of Hancock shall not be liable for any injury or damage caused by dogs or handlers. Owners/handlers are responsible for any injuries caused by the dogs under their control. The dog park area is for dogs, owners/handlers and those accompanying them, as such full liability insurance coverage should be carried on the property by a formal land owner.

Hours: Tues-Sunday - Dawn to Dusk or 7AM-7PM in Spring Summer & 6AM-6PM in Winter (Closed Mondays for Maintenance and Court Traffic at the Town Hall)

Who is allowed:

- No animals other than domesticated dogs permitted.
- Children under 15 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 6 (other park rules say 10) years of age are not permitted within the park. Handlers must be 16 years of age or older.
- A maximum of two (three?) dogs per owner/ handler are allowed in the park at one time.
- Aggressive dogs are not allowed, and FCDP volunteers or staff may ask you to leave if your dog is aggressive.
- If your dog becomes rough or unruly or exhibits aggressive behavior towards people or other dogs, leash him or her and leave the park immediately.
- Dogs with a history of aggressive behavior, as determined by the animal control officer, will have park privileges revoked.
- Dogs **must** display current license and must be properly inoculated, healthy (no contagious conditions), and parasite free. In the event of a dog bite or injury the owner/handler must exchange current tag info and phone numbers. All bites must be reported to Animal Control at (XXX)XXXX

- Inoculations must include: Rabies, Parvovirus, Bordetella, Leptospirosis, Lyme disease. Not a comprehensive list, I've included some more in the Members-only part of the rules. **(Please inform the committee if we missed what should be required or recommended.)**

Entering/Exiting the Park:

- Dogs are to be kept on a leash (not exceeding 6 feet) when outside the dog park fenced in areas.
- Do not have your dog unleashed between your vehicle and the gated entrance.
- Leash and unleash your dog inside the dog park, not in the double gated holding area.
- Alternatively: Leash and unleash your dog between the two gates in the double gated holding area. Please be polite to other dog owners leashing or unleashing and wait to enter until they have exited the double gate area.
- Do not open the outside gate if the inside gate is open.

Park etiquette:

- Owners/handlers must carry leash at all times.
- Prong (spike) and choke collars must be removed prior to entry. (Note: Some parks list prong collars as prohibited, as seen below, so we would need to decide on that issue.)
- Scoop your poop! Owner/handler must immediately clean up after their dog.
- Owner/handler must have in their possession an adequate number of bags, or other appropriate device, for removal of their dog's waste (or other means of eliminating dog waste, TBD).
- Owner/handler must repair all holes dug by their dog under their supervision.
- Owner/handler must be in verbal control of their dog at all times.
- Owner/handler must remain in the park and keep their dog within view at all times.
- No commercial use of the dog park is allowed without prior agreement, including dog training classes, doggie daycare, dog walkers and/or advertisements.
- Small treats are allowed if under owner/handler control. Please do not give treats to other dogs without owner permission.
- Dog toys are permitted (in agility/training area only?), but please maintain control over the toys as you would your dogs.

Special Use Areas:

- Small dog area is for dogs under 20 lbs only. Only small dogs are allowed in the general dog area at owner/handler/dog's risk.
- Training/agility area is for general use unless reserved in advance, but please respect trainers' wishes if their dog(s) needs space/lack of distraction for a short period of time

Prohibited:

- Glass containers
- Smoking
- Alcohol
- The use of prong, spike, or choke collars
- Human and dog food or treats not outlined above
- Human or dog toys that trigger aggressive behavior
- Strollers, carriages, or baby carriers inside the fenced in area
- Bicycles, skate boards, or scooters inside the fenced in area
- Aggressive dogs
- Female dogs in any stage of heat
- Puppies under 4 (6?) months of age (Puppies under this age are not fully vaccinated and are vulnerable to disease and injury.)

Membership Requirements

As we have not decided whether this will be a members-only park, we are including some other dog parks' registration requirements for completeness. Should we decide to become a public park, we can then decide which of these rules to incorporate into the general park regulations and how they will be enforced.

All dogs should be registered with the following information:

- Primary owner's name, address, phone.
- Vet office contact info.
- Microchipping is not required, but we could consider promoting it.
- Record of current vaccinations (we can require all or recommend some): Rabies (required by law), distemper, parvovirus, adenovirus (hepatitis), leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease, influenza.
- Dogs should be on heartworm prevention and be able to show a negative heartworm test.
- Recommended (or required) flea and tick preventive, such as Bravecto.

- The Nashua Dog Park uses PooPrints by BioPet Laboratories, who use a cheek swab of member dogs to track the DNA of any waste not picked up in their park. I've written to the company for a quote, just to see what sort of dollars we're talking about.
- We have found membership fees anywhere from \$23 to \$400 per year. We feel \$20 per dog/per year is reasonable. Thoughts from the Town/Village would be helpful. Our annual fees would, of course, depend on what sorts of benefits the members get in return. Some of the more expensive parks have very large park areas, dog washing stations, cleaning crews, etc.
- An orientation appointment is required, to be conducted at (some participating local vet office) to validate health, fitness, and temperament of each dog or it could be established as a visit to the park once a month for ease of residents. This could be the building stone of a local vets office and bring jobs into the community.

EXAMPLE BYLAWS OF
The Friends of the Hancock Hounds Dog Park, LLC

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1 Name: The name of the organization shall be Friends of the Hancock Hounds Dog Park. It shall be a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

Section 2: Purpose: Friends of the Hancock Hounds Dog Park, LLC is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501C3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1968.

Section 3: Mission: The mission of Friends of the Hancock Hounds Dog Park, LLC is to foster responsible dog ownership through recreation and educational activities and to promote and operate a dog park in the town of Hancock/Cadosia, NY.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall consist of the Board of Directors and any such category of membership as created by the Board and approved by a majority (4) of the Directors.

ARTICLE III COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committee Formation: Committees shall be initiated and chaired by a Board member as determined by a majority vote of the Directors. Members of the public may serve on these committees. The Board may remove a committee member if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Board. A majority vote is required to remove a special committee member.

Section 2. Finance Committee: The Treasurer is the chair of the Finance committee, which includes two (2) other Board Members. This committee is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures, fundraising plans and the annual budget with other Board members. This committee is responsible for filing annual tax returns with the IRS and Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.Board role, and size: The Board is responsible for the overall policy and direction of the corporation and for delegating responsibility for the day-to-day operations to the various committees. The Board shall consist of seven (7) members, none of whom shall be related by business relationships or marriage. The Board of Directors may increase or decrease the number

of directors by a 2/3 vote of the sitting directors. The terms of a Director will coincide with the annual meeting in August. A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the full Board. Any vacancy occurring on the Board may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors.

Section 2. Terms. There shall be three Directors filling two year terms and four Directors filling three year terms. All directors will be interim until the annual meeting in August of 2021.

Section 3. Meetings and Notice. The Board shall meet at least bi annually at an agreed upon time and place. Board members must attend at least one of the two required Board meetings. All meetings shall be posted at least two weeks in advance by e-mail and on the corporation' web site and or Facebook page. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of all special committees.

Section 4. Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Treasurer, Clerk, and four at large Directors.

The President shall preside at all meetings including the Annual Meeting

The Treasurer shall serve as Chief Financial Officer and ensure that accurate financial records for the Board are kept including depositing monies, disbursing funds as ordered and render an account of all transactions and prepare an annual financial report.

The annual meeting shall be held in August. Special and emergency meetings of the Board shall be called by the President or one third of the Board with twenty-four hour notice. The normal quorum requirement remains in place. All meetings are open to the public. Each Director shall have a single vote. A meeting of the Board may be held electronically provided a quorum of the Board participates and a record of the meeting is shared with the full board.

ARTICLE V FINANCIAL CONTROLS

The fiscal year of Friends of Hancock Hounds Dog Park, LLC is August 1 to July 31 of each year.

The Board of Directors, except as may otherwise be required by law, may authorize any director to act on its behalf in the name of the Board, confined to specific instances. Otherwise, only the President and the Treasurer may enter into contracts, authorize expenses, or deliver any instrument or document in the name of and on behalf of the Board

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

Any director may propose to amend bylaws by delivering a proposal in writing to the Board of Directors no less than 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting. The proposed amendment must be approved by five (5) Directors

*Draft templated version created and submitted to committee member Richard H. Lowe, III

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- Special advisor guest Colleen Spring, who worked to form a dog park in Binghamton, NY
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[LINK TO MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING](#) - JUNE

06/22/21 MEETING MINUTES (*TEMPLATE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS*)

LOCATION:

THE HANCOCK GOLF COURSE (We are so grateful for their help and support)

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CALLED TO ORDER:

1st: Donna - Donna spoke about what initially inspired her in the Hancock Community to think about a dog park in town, and her role within the community as dog control/enforcement officer, and how a dog park makes perfect sense to clean up the numerous issues the town and community face, and how working with other owners to establish a dog park will allow a

2nd: Jill - Jill has taken the reins along with Ashley, and she spoke about her interests in supporting this initiative at a Hancock Town meeting and was encouraged to take the reins as the Chairperson for the Dog Park for the town. The mayor of the village has zero to no interest, but the town itself supports this initiative, which is why Jerry Vernold was invited by Jill/Committee to join the meeting, and provided much needed and appreciated feedback throughout the meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: (Not needed as this was first meeting)

TREASURER'S REPORT - APPROVE: (Not Needed as this was first meeting, and monies have yet to be collected from donors or members)

COMMITTEE AGENDA:

- This was of extreme initial interest to the committee, sadly it has a FEMA issue that needs to be duly considered, this could slow down the project by up to 2 years if any specific FEMA issues are red flagged. Town Supervisor Jerry Vernold brought this to our attention. But it's not

off the table for consideration, just appropriate planning if it moves forward.

b. Golf Course Property

- There is land near the Golf Course on Golf Course Rd that might be a suitable option, approx 2.2 acres at \$45,000. We need more information on the layout of this plot of land to include in the proposal.
- c. There were a few other zillow properties, printed out and shown to us, by Catherine. I will update their links, once I can get this from Catherine or Jill via address or link. These will also be added to the proposal as I receive them.
- d. Delaware County - Ashley has been in contact with Shelely Burton there, and Delaware County is eager to help us with our efforts to revitalize the general appeal of the town within the County. This included them helping to provide their resources such as a Landscape Architect and any other resources that are at their disposal. Ashley can help to provide a list of options as time goes by.
- e. Other ideas and locations were mentioned by numerous members:
 - i. Property for sale near Bisbee Lumber, maybe owner would sell just one small portion to us for the park
 - ii. Area at top of Sutterlein St, near Jerry Debruchia & Richard Lowe
 - iii. Back of Parkbaum's Emporium
 - iv. Two properties from East Branch (links to follow)
 - v. Blue Building behind Hancock House Hotel
 - vi. Property on Sands Creek
 - vii. Fireman's field - Likely a no go, but what about the Fire Department itself, does it have land nearby, usually Fire Dept's use dogs as a mascot or for service, does this play into public service?
 - viii. Land Behind or next to Family Dollar/McDonalds, that's not part of the wetlands, but in front or adjacent to it.
 - ix. Investigate properties already owned by the county & the town to save time, resources, and most importantly liability issues.
 - x. Investigate land near Transfer Station, is this town or village, and is there excess land near there that could be useful?

- xi. Investigate property at the corner of Maple St and Interstate just after green bridge, it's highway adjacent, but accessible to whole village and town, and also near fireman's park.

3. Getting Organized

a. Forming a nonprofit (*Binghamton NY Dog Board Founder, **Colleen Spring** advised strongly about doing your homework on extensive nonprofit restrictions*)

i. Forming a board, hiring accountant, opening bank account

- Richard mentioned to the committee that there are two portions of corporation formation that matter most, one is the LLC for the Dog Park itself that provides the funding for the city, and provides Liability for all members of the Dog Park Corporation. This way the town or city doesn't lose or spend taxpayer money. Then there is the fundraising portion, which could be a Not-for-Profit organization who is solely responsible for the donations and fundraising to be gifted to the city or LLC for shared services related to the management, upkeep and public service of the park itself.

ii. Steps to open a Non-Profit

- Richard can/will prepare paperwork for both the Hancock Hounds Dog Park (HHDP) LLC, and a Not-for-profit charter template for the Friends of the Hancock Hounds Dog Park so that once a lawyer is determined for the committee and next steps are ready to progress these papers and templates will be ready for edit and review by the entire committee and voted on before moving forward to formation of said corporations. Any legal recommendations can be made at the next committee meeting.

iii. Pros and Cons

- Pro and Con examples are outlined in the proposal submitted by Richard Lowe as a template for the whole committee to add to for all future purposes. A link to that proposal can be [found here](#), and this section is located on pages 04-10.

- Its very important that the committee make a list from each member of these pro's and con's to be submitted for review before we present formally to the Village/Town or Chamber of Commerce for additional support. This would be helpful to see at next meeting on July 8th.

b. Fundraising

i. Ideas: grants, corporate sponsors, events, bake sales, crafts

- Ashley and Richard suggested considering working with the Chamber of Commerce to meet local businesses and help to find local sponsors, donors, and advertisement opportunities. Committee members also mentioned dog calendars, bake sales, Little League Team could be formed to raise funds and support children and the dogs at the same time. There are also a number of opportunities with grants for animal programs, possible support from Delaware County and the State should also be investigated.

ii. Fundraising efforts should cover cost of property AND build out

- Best estimate from the proposal is about \$10-15k in fencing, confirmed by Colleen from their experience in Binghamton, NY dog park. With land and additional needs, just as signage, benches, initial build out, lowest cost estimate is projected at around \$45k, but if land is not donated or already owned by Town/Village then that projected cost would double.

c. Community outreach

i. Social Media - *ACTIVE LINKS HAVE BEEN ADDED*

- Jill has agreed to setup the [Facebook Group](#) and [Instagram](#) to start generating interest, her husband will work on the initial logo for committee approval, and graphics for the organization to help HHDP hit the ground running. Richard has agreed to build and set up a [Hancock Hounds](#) website, to create a legitimate and professional look for the organization. The Committee concluded, most

public interest and fundraising will be met with more success through Facebook and Social Media, and that the website is not where we should spend too much time or money. Ashley generously volunteered a small portion of funds to help setup the Website, and Richard offered to do the work for free so the organization incurs no debt for setup.

ii. Finding new committee members

- The website and Facebook Group should draw support and interest from the surrounding area and build initial contacts for fundraising.

iii. Newsletter

- This can be built into the new website, and pull automatically from the Facebook Group that will be setup by Jill.

d. Delegating responsibilities (Tabled until next meeting)

- i. Should committees be formed to delegate out responsibilities; secretary, treasurer, fundraising committee, property search committee, etc...

4. Village Meeting Dates: July 12th 7pm, August 9th 7pm

a. Proposal to Village: list of benefits to the Village

- Ashley will work with available committee members that can be at next meeting to see what can be presented if anything during that meeting, or ask questions relevant to the committee, such as how fundraising can be done by the town. Jill, Christine and a few other key committee members are out of town for this meeting.
- Ashley, Richard, and any other available members will meet on July 8th to see what should be asked or reviewed during this meeting, and how much we have accomplished by then, e.g. Facebook Group, Website, Properties, and proposal updates.

5. Strategy and Design of Park

- Colleen from Binghamton NY Dog Park has offered to help us by sending photos of the work they did on their park. We can also work with

Deposit Dog Park founder to see how their layout compares. Delaware County offered their Landscape Architect to help us with any needs as well.

- Richard will find common first dog park build floor plans and blueprints on the internet to include in proposal for committee to review and see if there is a particular layout that is favored. Colleen recommended and numerous members agreed that having a large and small dog area with one shared entrance, that has a gate for each is preferable for safety, liability, and control on site. Having rules at the gate with any specific legal disclaimer is also important.
- Catherine and Donna recommended a keypad entry system to control dog vaccination entry, and although this is only about \$500, some members pointed out that perhaps some people might share the code. Others that have dogs in NYC suggested a keyed gate, that to use special keys that cannot be copied, or if electricity is available a electronic key fob.
- It was suggested that if the park gets good light, and is within the village, that we might qualify for solar panels from the state and that the park could feed energy back to the grid and make money/power for the town and or village and make this more enticing to the community leaders.

6. Closing / To do

- Any members available to meet on July 8th for next steps with Town/Village and start working on a formal Community Benefits listing. By then we need to try and have Facebook Group established, and basic website shell, domain and some general layout ideas for the park. If we have an inventory listing of properties to consider from County, Town, or Village that would also be ideal.

[LINK TO MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING](#) - JULY

HANCOCK HOUNDS DOG PARK

07/08/2021 - MEETING

ATTENDEES:

In person: Ashley Rossi, Richard Lowe, John Ogozalek(Rep Hancock Herald) Donna Torch, and Jerry Vernold (Hancock Town Supervisor)

On Zoom: Jill Keller, Michael Fruchtmann (*If I missed anyone, please let me know*)

CALL TO ORDER - Ashley greeted in person guests then established the Zoom meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - Ashley brought our Zoom attendees up to speed on Website and media, while Richard updated the in person attendees with a visual tour. Richard noted some bugs on the site today around the font near the masthead, as he is doing some backend updates to add a petitions and membership form portion to the site.

Media Updates Included:

- New logo designed
- New HancockHounds.com has website launched,
- New business email info@hancockhounds.com
- [Facebook](#) / [Instagram](#) social media channels are launched, please promote to local community, links to both are available on the website or @HancockHoundsDogPark on either platform
 - Need to make a marketing plan for new social media channels
 - Committee should make recommendations on new initiatives for upcoming holiday promotions, e.g. labor day, halloween, etc etc...

Committee Membership/Groups: We need to determine a format for new membership to be added to the website and social media platforms to get and maintain new members.

- We also need to determine committee postings
- Special action groups
- Committee responsibilities
- Determine annual elections or postings schedule

Land/Property Assessment Updates: Main focus of properties during this meeting was centered on the Sutterlein Street(2 acers) behind the town square, and the property behind the Town Hall which is primed for development and within Town Control. These are two properties that could be moved into action quickly. However each properties has pro's and cons. We need more input from the town/village and the community at large to see who would use the properties in each location.

Jerry Vernon (Hancock Town Supervisor) said he is happy to help us follow up on the town property discussion and open to any dialog on town or county property we might

be able to consider. We will bring this up at the Tuesday Town Meeting and see what happens, as a talking point for initial inquiries only.

A number of committee members felt a survey for the community could be a good starting point on narrowing down target areas. This was suggested as an action item for the website and we can make a form that can be submitted to local businesses in the area for input.

In addition to this, we need to update the proposal with as much information on these two properties and any others, within the next few days, and before the August board meeting. These are not final, just putting them in as we go. Richard suggested a member updated Google spreadsheet that will be circulated to all members, or you can email any land/property suggestions to info@hancockhounds.com to have it added to the spreadsheet.

Donna updated the committee on previous conversations with local land owners, but we need to see who we need to reach out to about that property, and she had reminded us of the land on LeBare from the previous meeting discussion.

She also mentioned a training program, which could be of great benefit to the organization and translate into numerous community based programs, as well as marketing initiatives. The committee agreed this is of great interest and we would love to hear more about this.

Mee Foundation Update: Ashley provided a great update on what's happening with the foundation and any opportunities we can work on to achieve their support. They have noticed a number of initiatives from Hancock (such as little league field request), but they would like to see more that include more than one development concept. For example, including a fitness or hiking trail into the property, or a community garden or public use space along with the dog park that made it multi-purpose. In general they felt they get a lot of proposals/requests from Hancock, without as many of them feeling cohesive or feel that the community has a fully baked developed plan.

This could be a great opportunity to involve the Dog Park

Committee with reaching out to organizations such as:

- Garden Club

- Chamber of Commerce
- Hancock Partners

This would allow us to fulfil this request and make a plan for a multi-use space down the road during this planning period. We will need resources and backing from local organization and support within the community to make the dog park a success and perhaps in-roads should be considered over the next weeks.

Dog Park Proposal Update: The committee will need to submit two copies (1) for the village board on monday and (2) for Delaware Opportunity prior to July 16th review. This will be an initial meet and greet with what we have so far.

The committee agreed at the meeting that we should do the more official (big picture pitch) during the August Village Board Meeting to make sure we have all necessary information to present as professionally as possible, including a local petition to collect at least 100 signatures, and a more robust proposal on the land requirements and opportunities.

This also means we have much to do and need all the help and data points we can get. The most updated version of the proposal is available to download on HancockHounds.com at all times or at this [LINK](#).

- What data do we need to finish proposal (roughly) - Richard/Ashley
- Donna, we need help with local dog statistics:
 - Number of registered dogs,
 - Estimates on number of local dogs including unregistered
 - Number of violations issued annually
 - What other data does Hancock or Donna collect for local needs?

Village Board Tips: To ensure success we need to bring our best professionalism and we would love to hear any additional tips for presentation in front of the Village Board, major speaking points.

These tips can be related to anything from the past that any member has experienced! Please send any ideas or notes to Info@HancockHounds.com

Fundraising Ideas: We need to start looking towards the future for funding the park, and keep track of fundraising ideas that could be ideal for the fall/winter season. A spreadsheet will be kept of all ideas and circulated to members so everyone's ideas can be considered equally.

- An Annual Golf Tournament?
- Calendar of local dogs
- Halloween Contest etc etc

MEETINGS - Ashley/Richard will attend the Village & Town meetings this week for initial introductions and basic updates, and Richard will attend a Town Hall & Village Development Meeting on Weds for Ashley to see what other information can be learned. All notes will be reported back to the Committee.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Due to time constraints and rain at Golf Course

OLD BUSINESS - Tabled until after the next board meeting.

MEDIA IMAGES AND LINKS TO ALL CHANNELS

Official Logo:



Website: HANCOCKHOUNDS.COM



MISSION SERVICES PROPOSAL TEAM CONTACT

Help us build the Hancock Hounds Dog Park

We are proud to announce that the Hancock Hounds Dog Park Committee is in the process of raising funds and building a new "community-run" Dog Park in Hancock or it's surrounding hamlets.

This park will be located in the scenic Western Catskills and is at the Gateway to the Delaware River in upstate New York. This park will be designed and built for the betterment of the entire community and their canine friends with the help of the Town of Hancock, Delaware County, and Delaware Opportunity!

GET IN TOUCH



Recent events have reminded us that being outdoors is an important factor in our own lives and mental health, we as educated dog owners must consider this same level of importance for our four-legged friends.

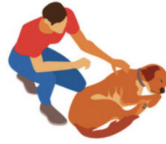
Our vision is a one to two acre dog park built, maintained, and member-monitored. A variety of funding sources are being explored, including membership fees, donations, fund-raising and funds from the local community or committee members. We envision a park that builds strong relationships between residents and well-socialized dogs, and a location for joint events for the Hancock Community as well as other appropriate local organizations.

Working to Build a Better Community



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Most dogs are at their healthiest when they experience regular outdoor activity, that translates to less aggression, outbursts, and destructive behavior in the community!



REGULAR REST

Sleeping habits and dogs noise levels can easily be regulated by activity. Does your neighbor have a noisy dog? Suggest they take them to the dog park. The best dogs are exhausted and well exercised dogs!



HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Both you and your dogs can enjoy a healthier and happier lifestyle, by having the option to visit the park when needed. Even if you don't need it every week, having the option provides healthy outlets for you both.



TRAINING

Dog parks provide a way for dogs to be easily trained and make the community a safer and more appealing place. This is also a possible job creation sector for the town.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Towns are always looking for new jobs, and local dog walking and training services are easy additions to the new job sectors, as the dog park is set up and running.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Dog Park also creates wonderful new partnership opportunities for local businesses, advertisers, and state/federal grants that can bring monies into the town.



— THE —
HANCOCK HERALD



Take a Country Drive

RL
RICHARD LOWE



Meet our Team

We have a dedicated task force diligently working to get the dog park off the ground and establish a strong and vibrant organization that can be with the town and dog park for years to come!



Jill Keller

CO-CHAIR & TOWN CHAIRPERSON FOR THE
HANCOCK HOUNDS DOG PARK



Ashley Rossi

CO-CHAIR OF THE HANCOCK HOUNDS DOG
PARK & PRESIDENT OF THE HANCOCK AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Richard Lowe

COMMITTEE MEMBER & VOLUNTEER UX/UI
DESIGNER FOR HANCOCK HOUNDS DOG PARK

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Christine VanMater	Member	cathyvanmater@kw.com
The Camptons Team	Member	laura@thecamptons.com
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Jerry Vernold	Town Supervisor	JV7@hancock.net



Why Help Us ?

This is a great opportunity to help keep the town free of litter, aggressive dogs, and also create new job opportunities and teaching classes for dogs throughout the local community.



CLEAN & SAFE

Although it should be obvious, dog parks create cleaner streets, less aggressive dogs in the local area and a more safe environment for the local towns people.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

The dog park can also create a great family environment and additional activities to do with your family and canine companions.



WE LOVE WHAT WE DO

We are looking for volunteers and activists to help us generate support this great cause. Love Dogs? Want to help? We would love to hear from you!

Have an idea ? Work with us

Office

We are looking to create a base of operations, let us know if you have space to help!

Contact us

+646-265-4424

info@hancockhounds.com

☐ By checking this box, you consent to sending your details to us over email. For more info check our [privacy policy](#) where you will get more info on where, how and why we store your data.

SUBMIT

OUR HANCOCKHOUNDS.COM/SHOP WILL OPEN FOR OUR OWN FUNDS MANAGEMENT
ONCE WE FINALIZE A DETERMINATION OF LLC VS NON-PROFIT 501(C)3 STATUS

All monies will go to the fundraising committee and be distributed to support the costs and maintenance of the park. All trademarks and design rights will be transferred by their authors to the organization in its final form.

SOON YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SHOP ALL OUR MERCHANDISE

Help us raise awareness and funds by wearing and showing off our stylish Hancock
Hounds Dog Park merchandise.



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Hancock Hounds
by Richard Lowe Fashion Group

~~\$22.99~~ **\$16.09**

♥ 0



STICKER

Hancock Hounds
by Richard Lowe Fashion Group

~~\$3.99~~ **\$2.79**

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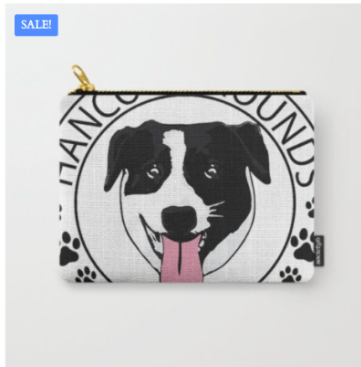
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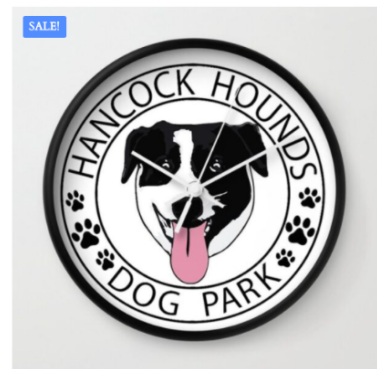
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FANNY PACK

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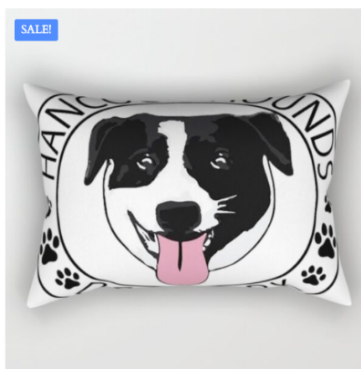
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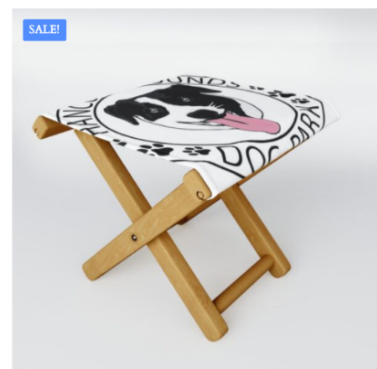
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RECTANGULAR THROW PILLOW

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Hancock Hounds Dog Park

6 July at 12:23 ·

Good Afternoon,
Wow!! so many new followers and likes!!
Hope everyone had a good holiday weekend. This is just a reminder that we have our second meeting this coming Thursday. ... [See more](#)



This week
Meeting
Hancock golf club
Thursday July 8th at
6 pm
522 Golf course rd
Hancock NY 13783
Message to RSVP





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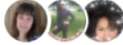


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Hancock Hounds Dog Park

Yesterday at 09:11 ·

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Delaware County Chamber of Commerce is in Hancock, New York.

9 July at 11:37 ·

Hancock is open for business! The Grand Re-Opening of Delaware County supporting small businesses continued this morning in Hancock where Hancock Chamber of Commerce President Ashley Rossi performs ribbon-cutting duties celebrating Hancock businesses! Celebr... [See more](#)

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Hancock Hounds Dog Park

2 July at 12:18 ·


Are you ready for the 4th of July? Checklist for Dog Safety


- Dogs (and cats) inside 🐾
- ID tags on - microchips registered 🐾
- blinds/curtains closed (windows closed too, so dog doesn't go through screen) 🐾
- tv or music on loud 🐾
- If dog is very distraught, consider confining in small interior room, also consider staying home with him/her if you were going out 🐾

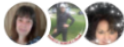


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Hancock Hounds Dog Park

1 July at 13:35 · 


Our second meeting at the golf club in Hancock. Please come along if you would like to support a dog park in Hancock.
Thursday July 8th 6 till 8 pm
We are on the agenda for the village board meeting Monday July 12th 7 pm
Save the dates!!!



THU, 8 JUL

Meeting

522 Golf Course Rd, Hancock, NY 13783-7700, United States...

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Hancock Hounds Dog Park added an event.

1 July at 12:30 · 



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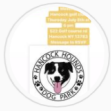
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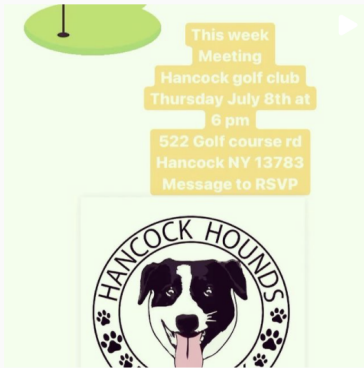
Meeting



First story!!

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SIGN THE HANCOCK HOUNDS DOG PARK PETITION

WE NEED COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO MAKE THIS AMAZING PROJECT HAPPEN!!!



The Town & Village of Hancock New York currently have no recreational or public area that is suitable or safe for dogs/owners to exercise, play and socialize. Our community goal in signing this petition is to establish a fenced in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering people, property or local wildlife.

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FIRST NAME*	<input type="text"/>
LAST NAME*	<input type="text"/>
EMAIL*	<input type="text"/>
MAILING LIST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> do you want to receive our newsletter and occasional announcements?
<input type="button" value="SIGN UP"/>	

*IF YOU ARE A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER WILLING TO HELP, PLEASE DOWNLOAD THIS HARD COPY VERSION. THEN ONCE SIGNATURES ARE COLLECTED AND READY TO SUBMIT, PLEASE JUST LET US KNOW VIA EMAIL AND WE WILL PICK THEM UP!

LINK TO HARD COPY PETITION: [CLICK HERE](#)

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THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

We are so thankful for all your support in helping us to bring this amazing new opportunity to Hancock NY!

Don't forget to tell your friends to signup and help us spread the word about the new dog park initiative. We also want your feedback and ideas. Please email us any of your thoughts on how we can make the dog park more inclusive for everyone in the community.

You can see the full list of Petition Signers, including yourself by clicking the link below.

[PETITION SIGNATURES – LIVE LISTING](#)

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2021 DOG PARK PETITION SIGNATURES

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Community members have submitted their information below, as e-signatures, and thus the community is expressing to local elected and non-elected officials that there is indeed a need for this type of facility in Hancock, NY.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	EMAIL	DATE RECORDED
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Christine	Thomas	Chrissyphomas22@gmail.com	July 11, 2021
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Laura and Jim	McManus	jlb@thecamptons.com	July 9, 2021
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John	Ogozalek	JohnOgozalek@AOL.com	July 9, 2021
Richard	Lowe	densityofsouls@gmail.com	July 9, 2021

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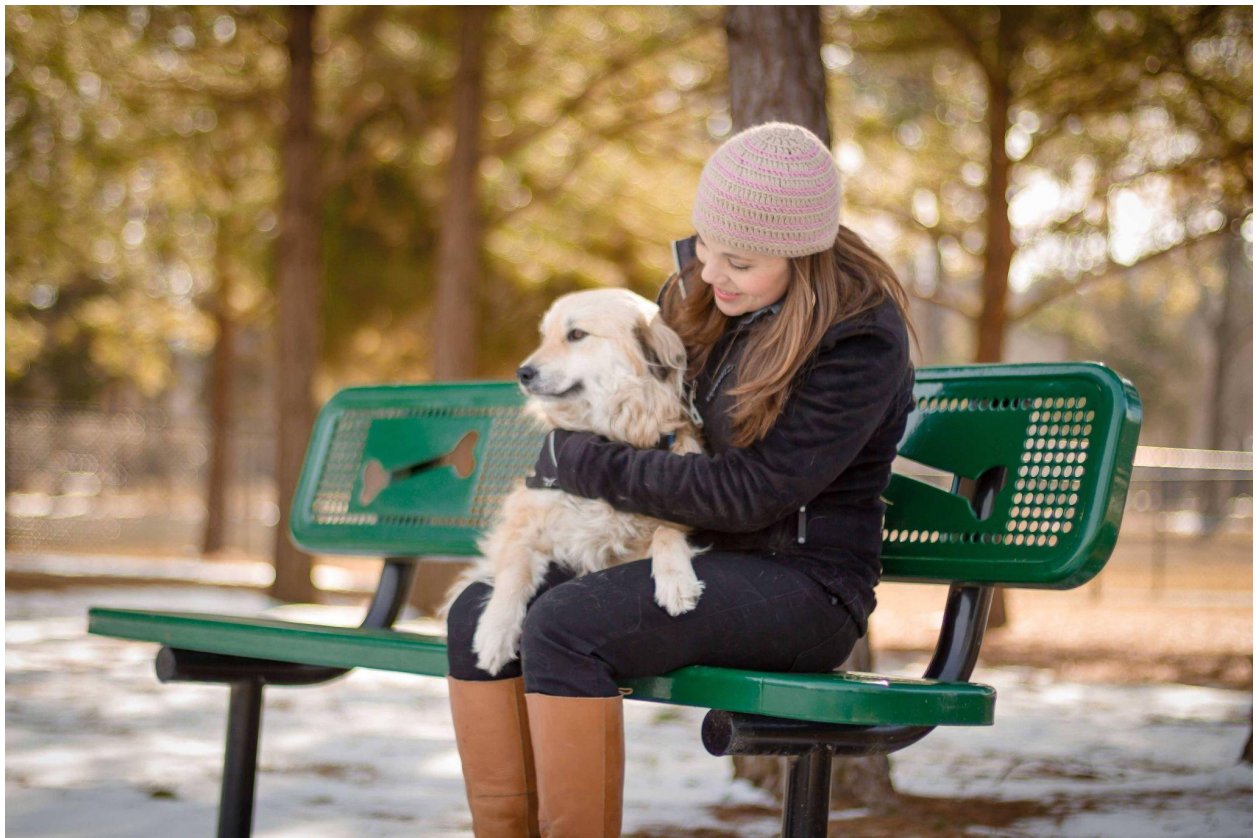
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PARK RENDERING EXAMPLES AND PARK EQUIPMENT THAT COMES AS A KIT





















PROPERTY OFFERED TO DOG PARK FROM THE TOWN OF HANCOCK

Our local leaders from the Town of Hancock have generously offered us the use of about 1.5 acres of land behind their Town Hall opposite The Sunoco Gas Station and near a major interstate exit to establish a fenced in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering people, property or local wildlife.

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Photos of the existing property behind The Hancock Town Hall(Not the Village Office):
You can view three video tours at these links: [VIDEO 1](#) & [VIDEO 2](#) & [WALKWAY IDEA](#)















