



SOUTHBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the members of Zoning Board of Appeals & Conservation Department,

I understand that there is a proposal for a Dog Park at the building site located at 120 Turnpike Road. Since animal complaints, bites, and nuisance calls fall under the Animal Control Officer for the Town of Southborough (overseen by the Southborough Police Department), I thought it would be a good idea to discuss some requests/suggestions for the Dog Park with the Developer. I reached out to our current Animal Control Officer, Jennifer Congdon, for her feedback and she offered the following suggestions for the site.

The park should be monitored and should really have some good rules in place to open. Usually this can be accomplished with a list of rules for the dog park, posted on site for those who intend to use the park. Some of the rules listed should include:

No intact dogs

No dogs under 6 months of age (rabies shot required by 6 months old)

No aggressive dogs

No children under 16

There should be a board stating that the rules must be followed in order to avoid being banned from the park. There should also be a sign in place that states to contact the Southborough Police Department's Animal Control in regard to any complaints/dog bites.

I have attached an example found online for reference.

If you need any further information or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

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DOG PARK RULES

- Use park at your own risk.
- Owners are legally responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) at all times.
- Dogs must be leashed while entering and exiting the park.
- Dog waste must be cleaned up by their owners IMMEDIATELY.
- Owners must be within the dog park and supervising their dog with leash readily available.
- Dog handlers must be at least 16 years of age.
- Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
- Aggressive dogs must be removed immediately.
- Dogs should be under voice control.

PROHIBITED:

- Human & Dog food/treats
- Glass Containers
- Dogs in heat
- Sick Dogs
- Aggressive Dogs
- Puppies (under 4 months)