

DRAFT MINUTES

CS Advisory Board | Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2025-7:00-8:00pm

Zoom Link: [CSAB Link](#)

Item 1 | Call to Order 7:05PM

Item 2 | Attendance

Committee Members Present: Roger Chabot, Amanda Doherty, Brittaney Jackson, Darryl Wright, Emily Loder, Ellen Coughlin-Quinn, Alex Marshall

Committee Members Absent: Trish Brigham, Art Dillon

Liaisons Present: Nick Cliche, Nicole Hall, Karin Shupe

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Guests Present: Community Members

Item 3 | Review CSAB proposed Animal Ordinance; Emily Loder and Amanda Doherty gave additional clarity and definition to the reason for the proposal to change the Animal Ordinance. Amanda clarified that there are many revisions and versions of the Animal Ordinance, but that the Ordinance the CSAB is proposing is the one that is being reviewed and recommended for approval today.

Changes that were approved were shared on the screen by Emily and voiced over by Amanda to provide context.

- Purpose and Applicability sections no changes
- General Standards has proposed a change in location of the Ordinance. License and Rabies proposed to be moved to the Rules and Guidelines.
- Definitions
 - Line 3 proposing to move as it is duplicative
 - Line 7 change to dog at large, not just at large
 - Line 9 addition from the State of Maine animal statutes on Dangerous Dog definition
 - Line 11 proposal to streamline to change leash to hand held device
 - Line 12 more of requirement than a definition
 - Line 13 ensures we have a way to define a person(s) who may not want to be around dog
 - Line 14 comes from the State of Maine animal statutes on actual definition around Nuisance Dog
 - Line 16 added in definition to ensure we are defining terms we are utilizing
 - Line 17 suggested to take this part out of definition and move to another section
 - Line 18 streamlined responsible party and move requirements and rules elsewhere
- Public Property Standards: proposal to rename this section to Rules
 - This section is where licenses and rabies tags would live
- Beach Restrictions General
 - Proposal to clean up this section and list dates to ensure clarity and transparency for ease of enforcement
- Violations and Penalties Section
 - Proposal to move these sections to be listed under the rules section
- Statutory and Severability sections have no changes

Item 4 | Citizen comment (limited to agenda only items) started at 7:29PM

- Valerie Micciche: Question was regarding rules and clarification on them; items in document are not in final draft so it is hard to understand what they should be voting on or not. Also asked what is the impetus for what these restrictions are trying to solve?

- Emily responded by stating that connecting with Community Services and Town Council provided feedback regarding reports on dogs off leash, dog feces clean-up, etc.
- Amanda responded to a question regarding leash items that these discussions started a year ago. Can't speak to specific lines on why dogs need to be on leashes, but CSAB wants feedback from the public.
- Rich Valdmanis, resident of Higgins. Opposed to leashing at all times for dogs for the summer.
- Jeanne Westervelt, 26 Ashton St. Stated frustrations with the CSAB process on this ordinance proposal.
- Katy Foley, 7 Acorn Ln. Former town councilor and member of the ad-hoc committee that drafted the original ordinance 12 years ago. Stated frustrations with the CSAB process on this ordinance proposal. Leash information is confusing and not implementable.
- Phillip Larou, 37 Vester St. Wants the redlined version. Need clarification on service animals.
- Suzanne Foley-Ferguson. Recommends updating the language on public property to "town-owned." When are dogs allowed to swim in the ocean? Where in the town are dogs allowed to run off leash during banned hours on public property?
- Ellen Couglin-Qunn, CSAB Member. Spoke up regarding personal reasoning on some of the problems with dogs off leash on public property.

Item 5 | CSAB Vote to Forward Recommendations to Ordinance Committee

- Roger Chabot - yes
- Ellen Couglin-Quinn - yes
- Emily Loder - yes
- Alex Marshall - yes
- Darryl Wright - yes
- Amanda Doherty - abstain
- Brittaney Jackson - abstain
- Quorum reached and will move forward to Ordinance Committee for review and approval

Item 6 | Adjournment - 7:58 PM