

Attachment 17

Attachment # 17 - Projected Maintenance Costs

Like all other municipal parks in Weston, the proposed Weston Dog Park would be placed under the general direction of the Parks and Recreation Commission and managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Weather permitting; the dog park would be open from March 15th through Thanksgiving. Those dates would be subject to seasonal conditions. The Dog Park would not be plowed in the winter.

During open season (basically spring, summer and fall), staff would visit the dog park at least twice a week for the purpose of replacing small bags and large bags. The estimated annual cost of all bags is \$500. That expense would be carried in the Recreation Department's annual operating budget. It is anticipated that town staff (Parks staff and/or DPW) would perform general maintenance of the dog parks grounds, such as weed whacking, leaf blowing, etc... as needed. Because the park would be located on land best characterized as lightly wooded, natural forest conditions and ground cover would prevail. Security would be provided, as at other town parks. Specifically, the Weston Animal Control Officer and the Weston Police Department would randomly and routinely patrol the dog park.

The Town's insurer has notified the Town that the cost to add the dog park to its existing insurance would be minimal.