

Attachment 4

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



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Town Engineer's Office

Office of the First Selectman
Attention: Nina Daniel:
56 Norfield Road
Weston, CT 063

Re: Weston Dog Park

Nina:

During the town meeting that was held at the Weston High School cafeteria on the date of April 3, 2017 Mark Harper indicated the Moore Property was the only viable location to construct a dog park. He was 100 percent correct indicating the parcel was best suited for this purpose.

I can verify his comment by the fact the town a few years ago created a cemetery committee to look into available open space within the town that was useable. I was assigned the task of reviewing all open space parcels listed at town hall. I found that Weston has a considerable amount of open space with a considerable amount of deed restrictions preventing the use of the properties. Most of the open space is partnered with the town of Weston, the Nature Conservancy and the Aspetuck Land Trust. The Nature Conservancy only allows people to walk the properties no dogs or animals are allowed. The Aspetuck land trust allows people to walk their dogs within their parcels. Both agencies do not allow the construction of parks within these designated areas. The remaining open space parcels were land grants form developers creating subdivisions which they were required to donate 10 % of the developable land. Most of this land is wetlands or has severe topographic conditions and rocky terrain. The Moore Property does not have the deed restrictions nor the severe topographic listed above which make it ideal location for the dog park.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Conte".

John Conte P.E.