



Public Notice  
Meeting Posting  
Town of Reading – Town Clerk

Board, Committee or Commission:	Town Forest Committee
Date:	August 6, 2013                      Time: 7:00pm
Location:	Conference Room
Address:	16 Lowell Street
Purpose	Elect a new chair person
Requested by:	Debby Malonson

### Agenda

1. Update on Committee membership 1
2. Election of new Chair by voting members of the Committee
3. Subcommittee Reporting
  - a. Update on forest health
  - b. Opportunities for Reading citizen participation on sub-committees
4. Forest Rules and Regulations: Overview
  - a. Brief summary of progress to-date
  - b. Prospective benchmarks for 2013-2014
  - c. Focal opportunities, concerns, proposals
5. Forest Rules & Regulations: Today's Focus on Dog Walking
  - a. "Eyes on the prize:" RTF as a successful model of multiple use
  - b. Concerns recently addressed to RTF Committee
    - i. Report re child having to climb tree to avoid attack by pit bull [\[1\]](#)
    - ii. Interference with bird watching [\[2\]](#)
  - c. Challenge: reducing dog encounters with non dog-walkers
    - i. Proposals to delineate proportions of forest as:

- Leash-free zones
- Leash-on zones
- No dog zones
  - ii. Proposal for a “dog park” [\[3\]](#) e.g.:
    - adjacent to, but beyond, forested area
    - as fenced enclosure of portion of field by former water treatment facility
- d. Clarifications and discussion by members and visitors

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[\[1\]](#) see also notes from 2012 survey of RTF users

[\[2\]](#) see letter from Dave Williams

[\[3\]](#) see Dartmouth example suggested by Selectman John Arena