

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Support Ross School

From: miranda abrams <mirandaabrams@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:14 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Support Ross School

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Miranda Abrams. My address is 18 Canyon Road.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies. Or simply have them use the space after school hours.

Sincerely,

Miranda Abrams

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Mike Atwood <mpatwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 12:07 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Sarah Atwood <sarahatwood07@gmail.com>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

As parents of three Ross School students, we want to let you know that we are in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

We hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their dogs.

Sincerely,

Michael & Sarah Atwood

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW:

From: Tom Cibrowski <cibski01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:29 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject:

Dear Ross Town Council,

I am Tom Cibrowski, residing at 23 Wellington Avenue.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the dog park in The Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times.

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place for those in town to congregate with their pets.

Sincerely,
Tom Cibrowski
23 Wellington Ave
Ross

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

-----Original Message-----

From: David Coel <davidcoel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 12:09 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is David Coel. My address is 3 Madera Avenue. We have two small boy at Ross School. We also have a dog and use the Commons regularly to walk her and socialize her.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their dogs.

With Warm Regards.

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:12 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Allyndreth Devlin <allyndreth@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:42 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: David Devlin <dddevlin@gmail.com>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

We are Allyndreth and David Devlin of 47 Bolinas Ave, and the parents of an entering kindergartener and 4th grader at Ross School.

We know that you have already heard from quite a lot of Ross School families but we wanted to also provide our support for this initiative. We fully support the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

We look forward to hearing about a positive solution that will accommodate the dog owners as well as the learners at Ross School.

Sincerely,

Allyndreth and David Devlin

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: In support of Ross School

From: Beverley <beverleydomet@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:13 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Jack Domet <jdomet@gmail.com>
Subject: In support of Ross School

Dear Ross Town Council,

Dear Ross Town Council;

We are dog owners and parents of 2 students at Ross School. We want to put our full support behind Resolution 2177 to allow the Town Council to temporarily close the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District. We would hope and expect that our fellow Ross residents would also choose to prioritize the health and safety of the town's children over the comfort of the town's pets. There are quite a few areas close by that dog-owners can let their pets run free for this short time.

Sincerely,

Jack and Beverley Domet
1 Ridgeview Drive, Ross

Linda Lopez

From: kellydwinells@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: Resolution 2177 Public Comment

Dear Council members,

Thank you for the opportunity to share publicly on this important resolution. As a family of 4 with a dog we can appreciate both sides of this issue. In weighing the benefits of this space for the school vs dogs and their owners we believe it is appropriate to prioritize the health and safety of students, staff and ultimately the rest of the town by providing dedicated use of the shaded area to the school. We are fortunate to have an alternate area directly across the street for animals and their owners to use in the interim. We appreciate your consideration.

Best,

Kelly and Adam Dwinells

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Dog Park

-----Original Message-----

From: Courtney <courtneyearl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:01 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Dog Park

Dear Council Members,

I feel very strongly that we need to prioritize the children of this community and do whatever we can to support safe in person learning as soon as possible. The temporary closure of the dog park to accommodate outdoor classrooms should be a priority.

Thanks!
Courtney Earl
10 Hill Rd, Ross

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Jenna Greer <jennalagreer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Cc: David Greer
Subject: In support of Resolution no. 2177

Hi Linda,

As a resident of Ross, we wanted to express our support for Resolution No. 2177 which will prohibit dogs on the shady grove area of the Ross Common so that the school can use the area to set up outdoor classrooms. Thank you for the towns support of the school during these challenging times.

Warm regards,

Jenna and David Greer
112 Winding Way

Jenna Greer
Cell: 415.806.8591

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:47 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Debra Hilleboe <dhilleboe@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 2:06 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Scott Hilleboe <shilleboe@outlook.com>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

We are the residents at 43 Laurel Grove Ave in Ross: Scott and Debra Hilleboe. We also have 2 children at Ross School (6th and 8th grade).

We just want to let you know that we are in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

Sincerely,

Scott and Debra Hilleboe

Debra Maltenfort Hilleboe, MD
(202) 815-1155

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Dog Park

From: wendy huck <wendy.huck@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:58 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Dog Park

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Wendy Huck and my address is 147 Lagunitas Road.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Wendy

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:47 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: resolution 2177

From: Randi Kelly <randilkelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:39 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Ryan Kelly <rkells9@gmail.com>; Ryan Kelly <rkells9@gmail.com>
Subject: resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Randi Kelly
My address is 121 Winding Way.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,
Randi and Ryan Kelly

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:48 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: In Support of Resolution 2177

From: Jessica Kissane <jess.jason@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 3:25 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Jason <jess.jason@mac.com>
Subject: In Support of Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

Hello and thanks for your attention to this email. My name is Jason Kissane and my wife is Jessica and we live at 53 Poplar Avenue (P.O. Box 29) here in Ross.

I want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with they are with their dogs.

Sincerely,

Jason and Jessica Kissane
53 Poplar Avenue
Ross, CA. 94957

Sent from my iPad

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross School Outdoor Learning

From: Melissa Koerner <melissalau16@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 8:56 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross School Outdoor Learning

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Melissa Koerner. My address is 17 Hotaling Court, Kentfield.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Melissa Koerner

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross School use of Commons

From: Amy Lewis <lewishomeoffice@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:15 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Chad Lewis (Max) <clewis@klein-financial.com>
Subject: Ross School use of Commons

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Amy Lewis. My address is 40 Madrona Avenue.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Amy Lewis

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 8:21 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Kristin Little <kristinjohnsonlittle@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:36 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Town Council,

Our names are George and Kristin Little. Our address is 109 Upper Road.

We just want you to know that we are in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the commons to accommodate Ross School Students during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the council can find an alternative place for the dog park until our children can go back into the classroom safely.

Sincerely,

Dr. George and Kristin Little

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Dog Park Temporary Closure

From: Carol Mangilit <mangilitcarol@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 8:56 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Dog Park Temporary Closure

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Carol Mangilit. My address is 21 Canyon Road, Ross.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Renato and Carol Mangilit

Linda Lopez

From: sara fiske <sarabfiske@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Cc: CouncilAll
Subject: Resolution #2177
Attachments: DogPark_Aug13.pages

August 13, 2020

Dear Town Council,

I am writing to you in response to the ongoing, and contentious, issue of the Ross Commons "Dog Park" (resolution 2177) which I have been watching closely.

First, let me say that I completely agree that we need to prioritize children over dogs. If the school needs a clean waste-free space for the children to socialize, learn and recreate outside, away from screens, by all means, we should work with them to make sure they have the space needed.

My concern, however, is that tonight, after this resolution passes, the Commons will be unilaterally closed to dogs - leashed and unleashed on the footpaths *and* grassy areas — despite the fact that is not the request at hand. The request, in actuality, is to prohibit dogs from the commons *if and when school re-opens*.

In Dr. McDowell's letter of August 5th, he clearly states that *once state and local public health officials grant* Ross School the ability to restart in-person instruction, the school would like to reserve "The Grove" (or dog park) for students, staff and faculty use during the day. After in-person instruction is deemed safe, Dr. McDowell will provide the Town of Ross with a twenty-one day notice of intent. He asks that dogs to be prohibited in the area stated *the last seven days of those twenty-one*, not tomorrow.

I realize that this has been a hot-button issue for many members of the community, so I simply encourage you, as members of the Town Council, to please be clear in your mandate.

Sincerely,

Sara Milani

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Temporary closure of shady area for school use and establishment of a temporary dedicated dog park

From: r.montagu@me.com <r.montagu@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:04 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Temporary closure of shady area for school use and establishment of a temporary dedicated dog park

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Rupert Montagu and I live in Ross. I have a child at Ross School and am very supportive of everything the school and the community is doing to assist in getting the children back to school. I am also a dog owner and believe that the Commons next to the school are an incredible valuable facility for dog owners to exercise their dogs and to meet with other dog owners and build a strong community.

So I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177), but only if a large enough separate area on Ross Common can be identified and set aside for dog owners to use exclusively for their dogs. This area could easily be fenced so that dogs do not run onto the area set aside for the school. Once we are free from Covid-19 I hope that Ross can return to normal and the shady area can be opened up again to all of us, including our dogs.

Sincerely,

Rupert Montagu

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross school

From: Amanda Mortimer <amandamortimer2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:23 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross school

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Amanda Mortimer. My address is 16 Canyon Road.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177). We have two dogs and we are still fully in support of putting kids first.

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Thank you!
Amanda

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 8:22 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Support for Resolution 2177

From: Nellesen, Dave <Dave.Nellesen@analysisgroup.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 7:55 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Support for Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

I am writing in support of this resolution. As a resident of Ross and parent of two children currently attending the Ross School, I am very concerned that the school administration is faced with an almost impossible challenge of keeping our kids and teachers safe in the ongoing pandemic.

When the prevalence of COVID eventually reaches a low enough level to allow the school to open, the school's use of the Ross Commons space is essential to support small class sizes and social distancing that will minimize the risk of transmission. I'm sure you will appreciate the importance of the safety of our kids and teachers, and while dog owners have enjoyed the use of this space in the past, safety considerations must be the priority until the pandemic is over.

Your vote is needed in support of this resolution to keep our kids and teachers safe, and to help the school administrators, who I hope you are aware have a whole lot else to manage during this crisis.

Best regards,
Dave Nellesen

Dave Nellesen, PhD
Analysis Group, Inc.
650 463 2703 (direct) | 650 575 4999 (mobile)

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: In support of Res. 2177 and enforcement of RMC Section 8.04.16

From: Gina Nellesen <gina.nellesen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:46 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: In support of Res. 2177 and enforcement of RMC Section 8.04.16

Dear Mayor McMillan and Councilmembers:

I am writing in support of the proposed supplement to Resolution No. 2170, which would assist Ross School and Ross Recreation in utilizing a greater portion of the Ross Common so as to allow for social distancing during the CV19 outbreak. The new Resolution No. 2177 would temporarily prohibit dogs on all areas of Ross Common once in-person instruction resumes. I support the proposal of making the prohibition contained in section 8.04.161(a) absolute seven days prior to the start of in-person instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. While in-person instruction is uncertain in the near future, this would apply to the northern part of the Commons, during the CV19 outbreak, such that dogs would no longer be allowed at any time of the day, or on any days of the week in order to facilitate social distancing.

Perhaps the Town would consider using a public health lab to sample and monitor coliform bacteria levels in this area so that recreational contact standards are known and sanitation is understood for public use? Because dogs are not expressly prohibited from the northern part of Ross Common, these areas are heavily used by dogs and dog owners. Yet people often spread picnic blankets in this area and normally dog parks are separate from recreational park grounds and schools. In the future, the Town might consider a designated off-leash dog park with K9 turf near the tennis courts at Allen Park, which is currently under re-design. A ranger or other park staff could be hired to monitor the dog park, as well as off-leash activity outside of the dog park. Some towns issue warning tickets and/or fines and residents find this helpful for controlling dogs and building community support.

I am also in support of stronger enforcement of Section 8.04.16 of the Ross Municipal Code because dogs are often running off-leash on the playing fields. As dog ownership grows, dog parks have become an integral and even expected part of many communities. People understandably need to recreate with their four-legged companions. Having a designated place for this would ease enforcement efforts. Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Gina Nellesen

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:47 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Laura Delaney Nichol <lauradnichol@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:21 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Mark Nichol <markrnichol@gmail.com>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We hope you are all staying healthy and safe during this difficult time.

We are sending this note regarding Resolution No. 2177. Our daughter Delaney turned five this May, and is so excited to start Kindergarten at Ross School. We also have a 2 year-old son, Peter and a new baby that just arrived last week, Charlotte.

We are so appreciative of the thoughtful work the leadership of Ross School has done to bring the students & staff back to school in a safe & healthy way for everyone. We think it's very important for the young children in Ross to be able to return to school as soon as it's safe to do so, as they have been out of school since the middle of March and are missing valuable social/emotional and academic learning time. We are very supportive of the school temporarily using the outdoor space of the Town of Ross, and believe having the children and teachers outside as much as possible will help minimize the risks to everyone.

We are writing in support of the temporary prohibition of the public and dogs upon the Ross Common to allow for social distancing of the students and teachers. We think moving the "dog area" from the Ross Common to the grass near the post office is a great solution. We have learned that the currently-approved plan is too limiting for the school -- as the dog waste from after hours use will not allow the school to use the much needed outdoor space (we also have a dog and are more than happy to use other areas for him to run).

We hope this will be approved during the August 13th meeting to help facilitate the return of students to in-person learning at the Ross School.

Many thanks,
Laura & Mark Nichol

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Dog Park in the Commons

From: Ted Peterson <tpeterson98@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:12 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Dog Park in the Commons

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Ted Peterson. My address is 93 Glenwood Ave.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their pets.

Sincerely,

Ted Peterson

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Please temporarily close the Dog Park!

From: Jim Robillard <jrobillard@spyglassfunds.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 2:13 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Please temporarily close the Dog Park!

Dear Ross Town Council,
My name is Jim Robillard. I live at 4 Chestnut Avenue with my wife Kristin and our four children ... all of whom attend Ross School.

These are remarkable times. I am writing to ask that you support an incredibly important initiative. Please vote to temporarily close the Dog Park in the Commons to facilitate the learning of our community's children. I realize that this will require some sacrifice by the dog owners in town who frequent this wonderful spot in town, but one of the core elements of our community is Ross School. People do not move to Ross because there is a nice place to exercise their dog ... but I know significant numbers of community members whose number one influence in choosing to move to Ross was the quality of our town School.

This will make an enormous difference in the School's ability to deliver on its goals to provide more than one year's growth in one year's time. The teachers and the students truly "need" the space. Please think about the tradeoff between the kids and the pets in this situation.

Thank you.

Jim Robillard

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Amy Schaeffer <amy_brown_schaeffer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:26 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Amy Schaeffer and I live at 18 Fernhill Ave in Ross. I have lived in here for 14 years and am a parent of two children at Ross school (5th and 7th). I am also the adoring owner of an Aussie Mt. Doodle named Indiana.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District (Resolution 2177).

I think in these unprecedented times we need to put the needs of our youngest community members first. I'm sure the local dog owners can find an alternative place to entertain their pets.

Thank you,
Amy

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Schaeffer <dave@houseofair.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:08 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Dave Schaeffer and I live with my family at 18 Fernhill Ave. I am very much in support of the temporary closure of the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning for Ross School. Our kids have been hit very hard by the pandemic with loss of classroom time, in-person relationships with friends, sports, and many more. Thank you for your attention, and I appreciate your hard work.

Dave Schaeffer

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Support Resolution 2177

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Turner <katie@soldo.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:35 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Support Resolution 2177

Dear Town Council

My name is Katie Soldo and my address is 3 Southwood Ave, Ross. I ask the town council to temporarily close the dog park on Ross Commons to allow for a safe and clean outdoor learning environment for children in Ross School during these challenging times.

I know the Town Council can find an alternative space, such as the lawn by the post office, for people to congregate with their puppies.

Thank you
Katie Soldo

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Letter in support of Res 2177

From: Matthew Soldo <matt@soldo.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:25 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Katie Turner <katie@soldo.org>; cslayen@gmail.com
Subject: Letter in support of Res 2177

Dear Council Members,

My name is Matt Soldo, I live at 3 Southwood Ave.

I **strongly support** the Town Council temporarily closing the shaded area of the commons to dogs so that the Ross School can have outdoor classrooms in this area.

I am a dog lover. But our childrens' education must be prioritized above our pets' playtime. Distance learning was especially challenging for my 10 year old daughter last year. She frequently would tell us that she "hates school", something we had never heard before. Young children are forming their world views on education during an unprecedented time. We don't want to lose their curiosity and love of learning so that our four legged best friends can play fetch.

We are blessed in Ross with many great outdoor areas. I would suggest a companion resolution that would search for a temporary alternative dog park. The area near the Town Tennis courts for example provides similar shade and is nearby and would be quite suitable. The Marin Art and Garden Center, and the area near the Three Bears Lodge could also be considered.

Sincerely,
Matt Soldo

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Subject: Resolution No. 2177

From: Caroline Shlain <carolineshlain@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:10 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Jordan Shlain MD <jordan@privatemedical.org>
Subject: Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

My husband and I have been part of the Ross community since 2008 and have loved to raise our four children in this supportive and loving community. Our children have all attended Ross school and two of them still are.

We are writing today in regards to Resolution No. 2177. We would like to encourage you to consider prohibiting dogs from using Ross Common area for the forthcoming months. Given the challenging and unprecedented times we are living in, we believe that getting our children back to school in a safe environment should be our priority as a community.

Our family have recently become a dog owner family and we will happily do the sacrifice of not using Ross Common for our playtime with our dog.

Thank you for the consideration you will give to our request.

Sincerely,

Jordan and Caroline Shlain

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Scott Sutherland <spsutherland@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 2:56 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Scott Sutherland. My address is 35 Winship.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Scott Sutherland

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177 - please support Ross School

From: Sarah Swain <sarah_swain@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 12:40 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177 - please support Ross School

Dear Ross Town Council,

In regards to Resolution 2177 we wanted to write and express our support of temporarily closing the dog area on the Common for use by Ross School as an outdoor classroom during the Covid pandemic. We have a dog and truly enjoy using the dog area on a regular basis, however during these challenging times we believe priority should be given to the children in town to support their learning while typical classroom learning has been interrupted.

Without access to school sports fields that many schools in our area have, we hope the Council will work to find a temporary solution so that Ross School can take advantage of the mild climate we're lucky to have and conduct learning safely outdoors.

Sincerely,
Sarah & David Swain
93 Laurel Grove Ave

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross Commons for Ross School use

From: MT <mtedford110@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:32 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross Commons for Ross School use

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Michele Tedford, I live at 102 Wellington Ave. and have a daughter starting 7th grade.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177). This temporary measure will ensure our kids can make the most of the hybrid classroom model.

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies. We are dog owners and walked daily at the Commons prior to quarantine. We look forward to returning once the virus is behind us. It's a small inconvenience for the greater good of our kids learning.

Sincerely,

Michele Tedford

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 8:21 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Senta Rand <sentarand@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 6:28 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing for your reconsideration of the Ross Commons dog park temporary relocation across the street. As you know, these are extraordinary times and the safe education of our children, teachers and school administration is essential. We need to your help and support allowing this additional temporary space temporarily for outdoor classrooms and learning. Please prioritize our children's education over the dogs. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Senta and Angus Wilson