

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05**

**A RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS**  
**DECLARING FULL SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF**  
**A DOG PARK**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2022, the Commissioners of St. Michaels at a regularly scheduled meeting expressed its interest in the town pursuing the creation of a dog park that would serve the immediate and surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, based on that expressed interest, a group of dedicated town residents created an informal committee (the "Dog Park Committee") to investigate potential locations for a dog park; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Michaels Town Administrator has worked with the Dog Park Committee in identifying potential locations for the park; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 14, 2022, the Dog Park Committee appeared before the Commissioners to present potential sites for the location of a dog park; and

**WHEREAS**, resident participation at the December 14, 2022 meeting makes clear that there is substantial support for the creation of a dog park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners appreciate the efforts made by the Dog Park Committee and made suggestions for continued exploration of additional sites for locating the proposed dog park; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Talbot County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan expressly found that the County should focus on providing additional access to places and spaces that support the health and welfare of County residents as well as meet their recreational programming needs, including the creation of dog parks; and

**WHEREAS**, a regional dog park in St. Michaels will support the health and welfare of town and neighboring residents through the provision of an outdoor space for the exercise of their pets and the accompanying social benefits of such a dedicated space; and

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of the required land and construction of a dog park will require substantial financial assistance from the County, the business owners and residents of St. Michaels and the surrounding communities.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commissioners of St. Michaels fully support the creation of a dog park and directs the Town Administrator to work with the Dog Park Committee to:

1. obtain the land necessary to support a regional dog park in, or near to, St. Michaels;

2. apply for and obtain funding from the appropriate State and County agencies to support the acquisition of such land and to construct a fully functional dog park; and
3. assist the Dog Park Committee and such other bodies created for the purpose of supporting the creation of a regional dog park.


**THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by a yea or nay vote of the Commissioners of St. Michaels on this 8th day of February 2023, it becomes effective on the 9th day of February 2023.

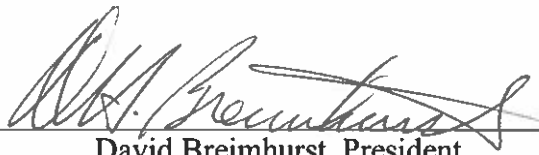
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| David H. Breimhurst | <u>Yea</u> |
| T. Coleman duPont   | <u>Yea</u> |
| Joyce D. Harrod     | <u>Yea</u> |
| Alfred Mercier      | <u>Yea</u> |
| Katrina Whittington | <u>Yea</u> |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Resolution was passed by a yea or nay vote of the Commissioners of St. Michaels on this 8th day of February 2023.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS

  
Suzanna Warnick, Town Clerk

  
David Breimhurst, President