

Minutes of the SVDP Committee April 4, 2016

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Carol Bick, Co-Chair.

Present: Kay Boyce, Mary West (speaker phone), Bob Owens, Bill Blackmore, Jeff Hodgson, Josh Dein (Selectboard Member), David Hall (Tree Warden), and Kristin Prior.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and approved to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2016 minutes.

Status of the 2017 Calendar

We may proceed forward with the 2017 calendar with the proviso that additional volunteers will step forward to help with the distribution, placement, and replenishment of calendars at town businesses. A work colleague of Erica's who is familiar with formatting calendars is considering handling this task and will present the Committee with her bid for the job.

Entrance landscaping project: Site amendment, signs

There was a unanimous vote (5-0) to approve "no parking" signage in front of the dog park extending to the Dog Park Parking lot to the east and the farm driveway to the west (across from The Arbors). A committee member suggested that the new sign in front of the dog park parking lot include information stating that the parking lot was intended for those who used the Ti-Haul Trail and/or the Dog Park. It was suggested that the member contact the Town Manager with this request.

The dog park sign at the front of the park will be relocated closer to the entrance gates in order to have the rules of the park more visible and provide space at the back of the sign for notices to be posted. Sign-a Rama will handle this relocation for \$350.

Communication with Shelburne Planning and Zoning and Tina Heath of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (Wetlands program) indicates that the area between Harbor Road and the entrance gates to the dog park are in Class II wetland.

Any landscaping projects in that area will need a state wetlands permit that may be issued “if there is a strong project purpose and a demonstration that impact has been avoided and minimized”. If these conditions are not met, the dog park committee “may be able to plant native wetland plants and shrubs by hand, in which this would most likely qualify as an allowed use and would not need a permit”. Tina Heath has offered to make a site visit later this spring to help in determining the status of the proposed landscaping project (digging up stumps, depositing topsoil, planting grass or ground cover).

August Fundraising Project

Tasks need to be delegated in order for the August event to be successful. Moe’s has offered to donate appetizers. If allowed, beer and wine will be sold. Among others, Pet Food Warehouse and Therapy Dogs of Vermont will be approached about setting up booths at the event. The event will start small in order to see if the community has interest in helping establish an annual tradition the Saturday following Shelburne Day (4 to 6:30pm).

Spring and Summer Clean-up Dates

Proposed dates: May 14, June 4, July 9, August 6, and Sept. 10. CVU students are available to assist at \$10/hr as a fundraiser for a proposed trip to the Galapagos Islands in 2017. Boy Scout Troops will be contacted to assist as part of their community volunteer requirements.

Other Business

Rayne Herzog at Shelburne Health and Fitness will hold the Third Annual Muddy’s Run in Summer, 2017 at Shelburne Farms ,and donate 10% of the race’s profits to the Dog Park as he has for the past two years.

We will begin researching and developing a policy for accepting major donations to the park.

The local Boy Scout Troop will be contacted to see if an Eagle Scout is interest in developing and building some simple agility equipment for the dog park.

The Dog Park would like to join in the larger town initiative to be a site for Memorial Trees. A long-term plan to reforest the dog park is in its preliminary stages, and part of that discussion early on considered memorial trees.

Adjournment

At 7:00 it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.