

**Shelburne Village Dog Park Committee
Minutes
July 11, 2016**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Kay Boyce, Chair. Present: Bill Blackmore, Steve MacNair, Carol Bick, Bob Owens, Lissy Wolf, Bob Bick, Erica Richard, Mary West, Kristin Prior, Laurie Lawless.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as read.

Financial Report

Operating expenses for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 were \$1,891,47; the beginning balance was \$6,896.30, and the ending balance, \$9,168.11. Monies due from the Town dog licensing fees for the Fiscal Year, approximately \$750, were not yet received.

Calendar Fundraiser

The Committee chose to have State Group produce the 2017 Shelburne Village Dog Park calendar at a cost of \$1,143.77 + \$36 shipping for 250 calendars. This is a savings of \$420 from the company used the two previous years. The calendar will be individually shrink wrapped with a cardboard backing. Final date for photo submission is September 23, 2016. Calendars can be mailed at an additional charge of \$3.00 for postage and handling. The possibility of establishing a Pay Pal account will be explored with the Town; there will be no charge for submitting a photo.

Car Wash Fundraiser

The car wash net was \$325 with a considerable donation of supplies by Zoltan Keve who organized the fundraiser.

Annual CBC Report

Two more questions for the CBC Annual report will be emailed to all Committee members next week. The final report based on input from the Committee will be emailed to each member for review prior to the September 12, 2016 meeting. The report is due in Town offices on September 24th.

Best Practices Committee Progress Report

The Safety Committee recommended additional signage inside the park to reinforce park rules regarding the behavior of canines and their human companions in an effort to minimize aggressive canine behavior. Signs would be interspersed throughout the park to educate and remind owners with an emphasis on preventing inappropriate canine

behavior. Considerable discussion followed and the Best Practices Committee will incorporate suggestions in their follow up report at the next meeting. Discussion included placing an air horn on the equipment shed to help interrupt aggressive behaviors.

In Park Presentation: Safety Issues

Laurie Lawless , Certified Dog Trainer with Dogs Rock Vermont, has offered to do a presentation for dog owners at the park as well as at an indoor site in Shelburne addressing issues related to recognizing dog behaviors that precede aggressive behavior. On select days she will also be available to answer dog owners's questions while they are visiting the park. Details are to be arranged.

Other Business

The Fifth Annual Fall Fundraiser is scheduled for September 17, 2016 at the Boyce home. The integrity of the fence around the perimeter of the dog park is being compromised by rapidly growing vegetation. A request was made by the two volunteers who maintain the vegetation inside and outside the park for a maximum of \$500 for equipment rental to bush hog the areas of heavy growth.

The next meeting is August 1, 2017.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.