

**Shelburne Village Dog Park Committee
Minutes
September 12, 2016**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Kay Boyce, Chair. Present: Mary West, Kristin Prior, Carol Bick, Fred Tiballi, Laurie Lawless, Dan Garofalo, Lissy Wolf, Zoltan Keve, and Bob Owens.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as read.

Financial Report

There is \$9876 in the account. Jeremy Richard was paid \$220 for his maintenance work in the park during the summer.

Shelburne Day on The Green

“T” shirts were sold, a membership was renewed, donations accepted, and flyers handed out requesting photo submissions for the upcoming calendar contest. Information was available, and photos were displayed regarding learning to recognize pre-aggressive canine behaviors.

CBC Report

Final corrections/additions to the 2016 CBC Report were accepted and incorporated into the report due next week.

Park Safety Report

Discussion continued about the pros and cons of adding a fence inside the park to prevent the rush of dogs to the front entrance with the intention of minimizing the congestion that can result in aggressive canine behavior. The use of air horns within the park was discussed. Fred indicated that *informed* individuals can use such aggressive behavior interruptors; however, the Committee cannot endorse such devices for obvious liability issues.

Park Maintenance

Dan Garofalo is a new volunteer who is helping with park maintenance. He will be dividing his work there between volunteer and paid hours, and he will report his billable hours to Carol Bick. David Hall, the Tree Warden for the Town, recently tagged several dead trees that need to be removed from inside the park. Contact will be made with the Town to start this process.

Fall Fundraiser

Committee members were encouraged to “spread the word” and pass out flyers at the park reminding people about the September 17th fundraiser.

Other Business

The Committee agreed to have a trial run of 6 meetings to extend the meeting time 15 minutes in order to allow for more discussion of agenda items.

Scoutmaster Jim Brangan has notified his future Eagle Scouts that the dog park has a project (making a series of signs reinforcing dog park rules inside the park) intended to enhance park safety. Bob reported on the deteriorating condition of the agility equipment at the north end of the park, and the Committee voted to have him replace such equipment at the Dog Park expense. When considering trees to reforest the park, Fred asked that the appropriateness of Willow trees be considered. Committee members were advised that the Annual Shelburne Ethics Training is Wednesday, September 14 from 7 to 9:30 pm. Betsy will be asked to research the cost of a bench (standard size as well as a smaller one) for the small dog area as well as a receptacle for pet waste.

The next meeting is October 3rd from 6:00 to 7:15pm.

Adjournment

Bob Owens moved and Zoltan Keve seconded the motion to end the meeting. Passed.