Shelburne Village Dog Park Committee Meeting Minutes January 9, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by committee chair Kay Boyce. In attendance were Zoltan Keve, Erica Eulau, Bill Blackmore, Bob Owens, Fred Tiballi, Mary West, and Dan King.

Approval of Minutes

The December minutes stand accepted as read.

Financial Report

There is \$9,781.94 in the Dog Park account. A bench for the small dog area cost \$956.57. The 2017 Membership drive is underway.

Calendar Sales

200 calendars were sold and the \$2,000 goal was met. Unless someone else steps up to spearhead this project, there will be no more calendars. Fred Tiballi gifted the calendar seed money to the dog park as a donation. Hopefully the membership drive will replace the money raised through the calendar sales.

Introduction of Head of Park Volunteers

Dan King is taking over the job of managing the volunteers who keep the dog park clean. A short list of substitute volunteers will be developed.

Park Maintenance

\$2,000 of trees were cut down and chipped last Friday. The chips ended on top of the ice and caution signs have been placed at the entrance of the park.

The permit for the new interior fence has been obtained from the town. Once the ground permits, volunteers will build the fence. Sponsorships and materials in kind donations will be obtained; however there is money in the budget for this project.

The northern small dog park door needs to be repaired so that it can be accessed from the big dog park.

Fred Tiballi asked the dog park to look into planting willows between the dog park and the farm on the outside of the park. Tree specialists will be advising the committee on what trees to plant and where. The reforestation will be staged.

Park Safety Report

Four safety signs have been ordered for the park. A sign about small dog meet-ups also has been ordered. Another "keep gate closed" sign will be needed in the spring. The signs will be 12 x 18. They should last five to seven years. Three signs will be ordered with emergency numbers.

The Boy Scouts have been contacted to request an Eagle Scout to build a wooden display case that will be attached to the shed with a plexiglass cover as his project. The display case will house information related to dog safety issues.

Spring Recognition Report

Carol and Bob Bick have resigned from the committee. They are the last two original members of the committee. The committee discussed a spring recognition event to acknowledge the original park founders. A plaque will be will be erected thanking them. A small casual dedication ceremony will be planned.

A motion was made to order the thank you plaque along with a base pole in anticipation of spring. Moved by Zoltan Zeve; Second by Mary West Passed unanimously by acclamation

Other Business

A water fountain will be installed between the Ti-Haul path and the park. The water issues will be addressed at that time.

July all be Kay Boyce's last month as chair. She has been trying to clean up loose ends and the documentation of procedures. She is planning to stay on the committee and help with special projects.

No meeting in February, next meeting in March 6.

The meeting was adjourned