

**Shelburne Village Dog Park Committee
Minutes
March 6, 2017**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Kay Boyce, Chair.
Present: Zoltan Keve, Erica Eulau, Bob Owens, Laurie Lawless, Bill Blackmore, Lissy Wolf, Sally Wadhams, Renee Davitt, Sarah Potter, Kristin Prior.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted as read.

Financial Report

There is \$9988 in the dog park account.

Site Visit

Tina Heath from the Vermont State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Wetlands Program paid a site visit to the dog park on March 1, 2017. In attendance were Joe Colangelo, Betsy Cieplicki, Dean Pierce, Ann Janda, and Kay Boyce. A report of Ms. Heath's findings is expected within the week.

Park Maintenance and Landscaping

Branch Out Burlington has advised the dog park that they have trees available at no cost and gators to slowly dispense water around the young trees (to borrow) whenever the dog park is ready to plant trees. Bill will check the front gate and the fencing at the north end of the dog park and repair as necessary. Some repairs may need to wait until after the thaw.

Park Safety

The safety signs for the inside of the dog park arrived. Laurie Lawless will send PDF's of appropriate dog behavior to all committee members, and she will continue her informational sessions inside the park this Spring. The focus will be on recognizing and responding to pre-aggressive and aggressive canine behavior.

Recognition Event

The recognition plaque thanking those early founders of the dog park was ordered. The dog mural being painted by Georgia Blackmore is almost finished.

Details of the Recognition Event at the park will be discussed at the April meeting.

Comings and Goings of Committee Members

Zoltan Keve is completing his service on the committee, and Kristin Prior will begin the process of joining the Dog Park Committee. Many thanks to Zoltan for all of his help during the past few years, and his willingness to continue to assist with the Annual Car Wash which he started three years ago.

Other Business

A park visitor was interested in exploring the possibility of installing solar lights inside the park. The issue of park lighting was explored a few years ago; however, as with all parks in the Town of Shelburne park usage is between dawn and dusk.

Sally Wadhams has volunteered to lead the Membership Drive.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.