

Shelburne Village Dog Park  
Board meeting  
Monday, July 9, 2018, 6 p.m.  
Town Offices Room #2

Present: Bob Owens (at 6:30), Kay Boyce, Lisa Williams, Lissy Wolfe, Sally Wadhams, Rosalyn Graham  
Guests: Steve and Sharon McNair

Fall fundraiser: Kay is hosting a fundraiser on Sept. 15 from 5 to 7. Tickets are \$25. She is emailing and posting invitations to people on her SVDP mailing list. A great opportunity for friends of the Dog Park to meet, support the on-going work of the committee and learn about new developments.

Site: Lisa reported that Dory Barton is doing a delineation of the area at the fishing access.

Income: We will soon receive our annual share of the dog license fees in town: \$1 from each dog license = \$700.

Shelburne Day: We will have a booth to raise people's awareness of the dog park, encourage suggestions for future sites, update about the search process, and encourage people to become supporters and encourage them to come to our meetings. We will have a poster asking What Makes A Great Dog Park? Sharon said she has a sandwich board we could borrow.

Park update: the McNairs, daily users of the dog park, report that people are asking what's happening, reporting no tickets, some discussion of the small dog area (and Steve did cut the grass!)

Site search:

Delineation of wetlands in possible site at LaPlatte:

Betsy asked that we approve payment of the bill for the wetland study. Moved by Kay, seconded by Lissy, to approve payment of the \$1,200 bill. All in favor.

Meeting with Natural Resources Committee:

Bob met with the committee and found them very welcoming. He said (BOB COULD YOU CLARIFY THIS PLEASE?) he was surprised to hear from them that we were supposed to set up a subcommittee of SVDP and Natural Resources to study future for dog park. Based on their conversation, it is agreed to wait for the report on the delineation and continue the discussion at their August meeting.

Other sites:

near the town gardens

on Falls Road behind the Post Office

Selectboard wants our evaluation of sites.

Based on agreement that many of the sites on the town map are not appropriate, we should meet with representatives of Selectboard and Natural Resources, and then report to Selectboard. We could share with them the evaluation by Paul Rosenstein of the Waste Water Treatment Plant site.

We should wait till we have eliminated all the town-owned sites before soliciting private land. Also should have a plan approved by the Selectboard before approaching sites like Teddy Bear because of the financial and legal considerations.

Lisa and Lissy will visit the sites to evaluate such questions as access.

Bob will ask Betsy to check with the state about the timeline for SVDP.

Need to review sites at our August meeting so we can answer questions at Shelburne Day ... and need a quorum at August meeting to approve decisions.

Payment to artist who did prize portrait:

Carol Cherkoniak won the prize, but when she had the portrait done of her dog, she paid the artist.

Moved by Kay, seconded by Sally Wadhams, to reimburse Carol. All in favor.

Outreach:

Post notice of meetings at the Park to encourage more people to come to meetings and to have a quorum. Also need to review board membership as we know that Bill \_\_\_ is gone, and Erica is not able to attend meetings. It was suggested that we watch for frequent users of the Dog Park to recruit new board members. Steve also suggested we need to make the Selectboard aware of how people use the park, how important it is.

A word of appreciation and acknowledgement:

To Dan King who has taken on the task of coordinating the poop bags supplies and the pickup schedules.

Signage:

Lisa said we need to put a copy of the Park Rules on the shed so park users can see it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Recorded by Rosalyn Graham