

Shelburne Village Dog Park Committee
Monday, August 3, 2018, 6 p.m.
Town Office #2

Present: Bob Owens, Kay Boyce, Lisa Williams, Kristen Prior, Steve McNair, Sharon McNair, Rosalyn Graham

Discussion before the meeting:

Steve McNair reported that he had been telling people at the Dog Park about the SVDP meetings. He said some had expressed interest in attending. Suggestion of asking Erica to include a pre-meeting notice in the newsletter timed to be distributed to all members a week before the meeting to encourage attendance.

Kay Boyce is hosting her 7th Annual Shelburne Village Dog Park Fundraiser from 5 to 7 at her 183 Stonegate Lane home. Always a fun event. Suggested donation: \$25 per person. RSVP to Kay at boycephd@gmail.com.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of June and July were reviewed. Corrections noted for July: ticks not tickets, delete financial report paragraph, delete reference to mowing grass. Minutes for July approved as corrected on a motion by Kay, seconded by Lisa. All in favor. Minutes of June submitted as written due to lack of quorum in July for approval.

No Financial Report

Plans for Shelburne Day:

Table, chairs, awning, big map, site selection guidelines in readable format to raise awareness of public that this is very complex decision, sign, banner, easel for sign, weights to secure easel in case of wind, doggy ice cream, all confirmed.

Kay proposed that we circulate through the Shelburne Day crowd with t-shirts for anyone with a dog, or who would like a shirt. Could be free or for a donation. Goal: to clear out backlog of shirts, and perhaps get some money.

New site:

Bob and Lisa walked the Fishing Access/Bay Road possible site with Dory, the hydrologist from the state doing the delineation. Her opinion was that virtually all of the central area is wetland. Also walked the narrow strip west of the road to the mooring area and Dory believes there are drainage channels across that land also. She plans to revisit that strip to make her assessment after it has not been mowed for several weeks. Also could not cut any of the woodland adjacent to this strip as it is needed as a buffer.

Discussion: if TiHaul was more intensively used for dog walking, there would be more poop and more unleashed dogs; could an exception be made for the current dog park site if more land could be purchased for the town as wetland; could Dean Pierce come to a meeting to clarify town's position and objectives for a new park; how might New Village Farm case impact SVDP;

should there be a petition for the town to sign at Shelburne Day; could display criteria for a good dog park site at Shelburne Day.

Consensus: need to explore the Bay Park site first and based on delineation move forward: if state says no, then what? If state says yes, then what?