

Shelburne Village Dog Park Committee Minutes

Monday, Sept. 10, 6:00 p.m.

Town Office #2

Present: Bob Owens, Lisa Williams, Kristin Prior, Terri Lessard, Steve MacNair, Kay Boyce, Mary West, Lissy Wolf, Sally Wadhams (and Rosco), Rosalyn Graham

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Chairman Bob Owens.

Minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2018 were approved as submitted on the motion of Kristin Prior, seconded by Kay Boyce.

The results of the Bay Park wetland delineation were reported and discussed.

Many strategies for possibly using the site as a dog park were weighed against the standards in the Dog Park Site Selection Criteria resulting in recognition that the amount of land that is not wetland, would not provide enough area to accommodate a dog park.

Review of other town-owned locations that had been suggested might become a dog park, had been measured against the Site Selection Criteria, the results displayed on a chart created by Lisa Williams. The conclusion: none of the sites would be appropriate.

This led to discussion of how the existing dog park could be managed in a way that would meet the standards established for Class 2 Wetlands and the following steps were proposed:

- Remove the shed from the dog park – Kay will check with the Boy Scouts who built the shed as an Eagle Scout project to see if they would like to have it. Failing that, it seems likely that it could be sold.
- Comply with Agency standards for Class 2 Wetlands by removing chips from paths, mow only as needed, not cut trees, mulch only as needed to allow access during muddy season, disconnect the water line.

Moved by Kristin Prior, seconded by Lissy Wolf, to prepare a position paper explaining our proposal, asking approval for us to stay at our current location. Present it to Betsy Cieplicki for review and then to Lee Krohn, the Selectboard and the Agency of Natural Resources. Also that Rosalyn Graham should continue her contact with Legislator Jessica Brumsted who has spoken to the Governor's office, received a positive expression of support for finding a way to stay in the current park location, and would be willing to pursue this avenue if other proposals do not succeed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 on a motion by Mary West, seconded by Kay Boyce.

Recorded by Rosalyn Graham