

**Shelburne Dog Park Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 2023**

Attendees: Bob Owens, Cheryl Gibson, Roz Graham, Lisa Williams

Call to order: 6:30 PM

Approve Minutes: The December 2022 minutes were unanimously approved without change.

Public Comments: none

Board Members: Bob Owens plans to step down as president of the board after April. He will have completed 6 years as the president. Bob will plan to stay on the board as a member until he finds a replacement for himself. He will send the committee an email to let us all know of our tenure on the board. We currently have at least 2 open seats.

Financial Update: Bob did not receive an updated account balance from Betsy Cieplicki this month. There should be a bill paid for the invasives work deducted from our balance. We raised about \$300 during the Santa Photo function in December.

Invasive Removal: Invasives removal is complete for this calendar year. The total cost for the fence clearing work and planning/application costs for 2022 were \$2365. There are still piles of brush to be removed from the park. Cheryl has contacted the local boy scouts but they have not able to come as yet. Cheryl and Bob offered to work pulling brush once the ground is less muddy. Cheryl will contact Betsy Cieplicki for the town to remove the brush once out of the park. The committee should plan to do one or two work days each spring/summer to use loppers to cut back any new growth in the fence area. We can also cut some of the invasive honeysuckle inside the park in stages if we choose.

Santa Picture Review: The committee commented on the success of the function. The second day was less well attended- probably because we had to change the day because of the snow storm. We raised about \$300

GoFundMe Update / Fundraising Ideas: Bob suggests we do a survey of park users. He will draft a survey via a google workplace survey tool and can be accessed by scanning by bar code at the park. He will circulate a draft for members to review and add to. We will ask for donations on the survey. This will also be a way to gather email addresses for some park users so we can request they volunteer for work groups or the committee.

Lisa will order a new backdrop that can be put up at the shed with one of the park benches in front We will provide a "Smooch your Pooch" photo opportunity with a sign to ask folks to donate. Roz suggested we have a sign up at the Farmers Market on January 28 and Feb 11 at the Teddy Bear space to advertise. Bob will ask Karen to make some flyers to put up.

Other Business: None  
Adjourn 7:13pm  
Recorded by Cheryl Gibson

**Next Meeting February 13, 2023**

**Reasonable accommodations shall be provided upon request to ensure that this meeting is accessible to all individuals regardless of ability.**