

Shelburne Dog Park Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023

Attendees:

Bob Owens, Cheryl Gibson, Roz Graham, Lisa Williams, Karen Medsker

Call to order: 6:37 PM

Approve Minutes: The January 2023 minutes were unanimously approved without change.

Public Comments: none (other than those from the google on line survey referenced below)

Board Members:

Bob Owens emailed a list of terms for each of the board members. Bob's 6 year terms as president end in April. We have only 4 other board members currently. Discussion about recruiting new board members centered around some names that were identified as possibly interested on the recent google survey. Bob will contact those who answered "maybe" to the question about willingness to serve on the board.

Financial Update:

Bob reported that as of February 8, 2023 the balance in our account is \$2320.11. Expenses this last month included the invasives work order for \$2365, our SPBA membership of \$100, \$20 for water and 2 months of trash pick up.

Survey Results:

There were 25 responses to the google survey. Most folks found it on FPF. As expected the issues identified were related to the park being inaccessible because of mud, overgrowth and ticks. There were those who thought the park was a worthwhile place and some who thought it should be moved. Karen suggested we consider moving the park again. Discussion centered on the fact that none of the land currently available from the town would be suitable- areas are small and not easy to reach/park. Bob also suggested if we want to consider moving the park in the future that we would need to approach either Shelburne Farms or Vermont Teddy Bear for options to use their land. For now, we need to focus on getting the board staffed and will discuss this again in the future. Lisa also commented that we should try to be clear about what parts of the park might be able to be mowed/maintained in that they are not Class 2 Wetlands. Bob will talk to Betsy and Lee Krohn so they can review the map drawn by Dory (consultant) that outlined the specific parks of the park. Hopefully we can talk with Betsy and Lee for the next board meeting on March 13.

GoFundMe Update / Fundraising Ideas:

"Smooch your Pooch" photo opportunity with a sign to ask folks to donate is up and thus far only one donation of \$25. No other fund raising ideas as yet.

Other Business:

The board decided to have a park cleaning day on Saturday March 4 from 10am-noon. Karen will design a flyer and send around for comment. Roz will put the info on the SBPA news, Bob will post on Facebook and FPF and will contact the survey participants to let them know. Cheryl will contact the boy scouts to see if they can help. Lisa has some boxed gloves to provide. We will pull brush and clean up the poop that day.

Adjourn 7:34pm

Recorded by Cheryl Gibson

Next Meeting March 13, 2023

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