

Shelburne Dog Park Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023

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

Call to order: 6:31PM by Lisa Williams

The minutes of the June 2023 meeting were unanimously approved with no changes.

Public Comments: None

Financial Update: Account balance is \$2091.15 as of June 20, 2023. Fixed expenses include trash removal (now changed to twice each month), a quarterly water bill while the park is open, occasional trash and poop bag costs, and yearly State of Vermont fees for the road signage on Route 7(\$200/year). Income in June was \$400 from the GoFundMe fund raising account. Dog license fees will be deposited in the dog park account no sooner than September each year and average about \$700.

Old Business: The website update work has been completed by Betty Marcher working with Karen. The site includes up to date info on the park along with photos.

Dog park census numbers have been collected since June 24 using a white board at the park. The average number of dogs using the park each week is about 10. We will leave the board up for documenting park use.

New Business: Lisa has arranged with the farm next door to have 15 goats come to clear the ground growth. They will come from 10 am 7/11 through noon on 7/14. The park will be closed and locked during those hours. Cheryl has posted this on FPF. There is a sign on the front of the gate. Lisa and Cheryl will be at the park 7/11 to take photos and lock gates. Front gate combo is max14. Side gate will be keyed.

Trash pick up- The bin will be put out at the road tomorrow morning for this week. We are not sure who is currently putting the trash bin out.

Fundraising issues- the current GoFundMe account will stay in Bobs name for now. It will be closed at some point in the future when donations cease. The committee decided the best way to funnel donations is through the town website. Karen will check with Betty Marcher about putting a link on the park and recs menu for donations specific to the dog park. Bob will investigate how we might have a QR code to use and link for donations.

Ongoing park maintenance- the committee discussed the possibility of having 2 work days each growing season to recruit help cutting back invasives to keep the park fence intact; as well as having the goats clear the grass and weed growth 2 times each season if it works well this week.

Shelburne Days is August 19. We will all staff the booth. Lisa will make some doggie ice cream treats and look for some supplies to make dog tags. Bob has the tent which he will bring and Cheryl has a folding table to use.

For the next meeting: Final plans for Shelburne Days, recruiting new members

Adjournment: 7:17 PM

Recorded by Cheryl Gibson

Next Meeting August 14, 2023 6:30pm

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