

Shelburne Village Dog Park Committee
Board Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2022
7:00 p.m. via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Bob Owens, Committee Chair, at 7:05 p.m.

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

Public Comments: None

Minutes: There were no June 2022 minutes as there was not a quorum present for the meeting.

Financial Update: Bob Owens reported that we had expenses of \$96 for the past month- the cost for Myers trash removal. Cheryl questioned the monthly cost for the trash. Bob will check into costs for this. The current balance in the dog park account is \$3045.71. This amount does not include the yearly dog license expected for the park. We may not have that money in our account until September per Bob.

Board Vacancy: Bob reported that we have no candidates at the current time. He spoke with a possible interested person who has not followed up. Lisa reported that she knows of a possible candidate from the park and will follow up on this person.

Permit Amendment Update: Bob shared that the town had received the approval of the permit amendment from the state dated 7/15/22. We can proceed with treatments and removal of the invasives. Cheryl will contact Bob Hyams of Habitat Restoration Solutions to schedule start of the work. We will need to stage the work based on our budget. The plan will need to include some volunteers to help with the brush removal when HRS does the cutting. Bob will talk with Betsy Ciepicki about having buildings and grounds folks remove the brush once cut.

GoFundMe Update: Bob reported that he went to the Union Bank and opened a checking account that we can use for the GoFundMe campaign to raise money to do the invasives work for this year and for maintenance in the next few years. The committee discussed the amount needed for the work and decided on \$5000.00 for the campaign. Cheryl moved that we undertake the GoFundMe campaign for \$5000.00. Lisa seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to proceed. Karen and Roz will draft the campaign ask. Roz recommended that we send out a press release and post the information on Front Porch Forum. Lisa suggested we have a Venmo account in tandem with the checking account to ease donating. Bob will check with Union bank for this.

Shelburne Day: Shelburne Day is Saturday August 20. We will have a booth. Bob suggests we have a QR code at the booth for donations. We will finalize the staffing of the booth at the next meeting (8/8/22). The committee agreed that the doggie ice cream treat were a hit. We don't need as many this year.

Other Business: Bob suggested we have a QR code at the park gate to facilitate donations going forward. To be discussed further at future meetings.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2022

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Recorded by Cheryl Gibson