

Shelburne Village Dog Park Committee
Board Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Bob Owens, Committee Chair, at 6:32 p.m.

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

Public Comments: None

Potential new Committee member: Bob introduced Caitlyn Wilson who attended the meeting and has expressed interest in becoming a committee member. She is a newly minted Veterinary doctor working at BEVs and living in Shelburne. She has two dogs. She is even open to making a presentation about some aspect of dog health! Bob will guide Caitlyn through the official process of becoming a member.

Minutes: Minutes of the July, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Update: Bob reported that we currently have in our bank account \$2,949, which includes funds raised so far by our current GoFundMe efforts (\$1425 online + \$100 by check).

GoFundMe Discussion: The GoFundMe campaign is to raise the necessary funds to provide professional abatement of invasive plant species in the park, thus saving the fence. It's going well so far, but we are a long way from our \$5,000 goal. Notices will be placed at the two Shelburne veterinary hospitals, Pet Food Warehouse, and Hound's Tooth in downtown Burlington.

Invasives Removal: Bob Hyams, the contractor chosen to remove the invasives, will fit us into his schedule and give us two weeks' notice. The park will be closed that day, and Cheryl will provide a sign to that effect for the gate. We will need to recruit volunteers to help drag away the brush.

New Contact Person: Bob met Richard Randall, VP at Irving and Phyllis Millstein Foundation for Animal Welfare, Ltd. <https://www.ipmillsteinfoundation.org/>, who lives in the Burlington/Shelburne area. The foundation can only fund 501c3 organizations, which our Dog Park Committee is not. However, Richard is a good person to know, and perhaps we can find mutual interests. Bob and Cheryl will meet Richard at the park on 8/13.

Shelburne Day: This annual event will be August 10 at the parade ground, 9:00-2:00. Lisa Williams will provide doggy ice cream. Karen and Roz will create a display of dog park photos to add interest to our booth. Bob will arrive early and set up the tent and table. Cheryl and Roz will support Bob, but additional committee members are needed to staff the booth.

Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Recorded by Karen Medsker