

**Shelburne Dog Park Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023**

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

Call to order: 1:06pm

Approval of Minutes: The August 2023 minutes were unanimously approved without change.

Public Comments: none

Financial Update: Betsy brought a copy of the park ledger showing a balance today of \$1874.42. Expenses this month included \$75.48 for Myers trash and \$22.05 for the quarterly water bill. No revenues were recorded this month. Betsy was informed by Diana Vachon that the yearly dog registration fee portion for the dog park has been calculated and sent to the finance person. The money has not yet been deposited into the dog park account- pending. Bob reported that the Union Bank Account was closed and the balance of \$89.00 was signed over to the Town of Shelburne and given to Betsy to be deposited in the dog park account. Betsy reported that the town website now has an on line donation site that is active. She is not aware of any park donations as yet. Bob has designed a QR code that can be added to the website to take folks directly to the donation address.

Old Business:

Trash Removal: Lisa obtained a quote from Duffy's for bi weekly trash pick up of \$48.00 for a 64 gallon tote. The committee voted unanimously to stop using Myers and move to Duffy's for trash removal. The Myers bill is paid through September and the last pick up will be September 21. Betsy will move forward with Duffy's to start pick up 2 weeks after September 21. Duffy's day of Shelburne pick up is Wednesdays.

Park census: Karen reported that the census for a 6 day period since our last meeting was 25 visits. The white board for census has been removed. Bob suggested we consider a wild life camera to record park visits but the committee had concerns about theft of the camera and Betsy questioned if she would need to notify the public about the use of the camera. No decision was reached on use of the camera.

Website updates: Karen will check with the town to confirm update of the committee email list.

Park maintenance: The committee asked Betsy if she would contact Tina Heath at the State of Vermont to discuss amending our park permit to include moving the north end of the fence further into the wetlands area in trade for being able to maintain the remaining park area with goats or mechanically. Betsy will reach out to Tina to gather some information about this possibility and Betsy will report back to the committee.

The committee also discussed an alternative park site if we cannot maintain the current park area. A possible site is near the town gardens. Roz suggested if we want to consider this site

that the committee meet at the area to view it. We will discuss further once we have some idea as to the likelihood of being able to maintain the current park.

Adjourn 2:04pm

Recorded by Cheryl Gibson

Next Meeting will be October 9, 2023 6:30 pm at the town offices

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