

**Shelburne Dog Park Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 12, 2022**

Attendees: Bob Owens, Karen Medsker, Cheryl Gibson, Laura Parks, Roz Graham

Call to order: 6:36 PM

Welcome Caitlyn Wilson: Caitlyn is a new member approved by the Selectboard in absentia.

Approve Minutes: The corrected minutes, sent out just before the meeting by Karen, were unanimously approved.

Public Comments: Bob showed us an email from Devin Beringer, giving us ideas about fundraising, including memberships. We have previously discussed all of his ideas, but we appreciate his suggestions.

Financial Update: Bank balance is \$4,452.49.

Invasive Removal: We hope to remove the invasives in October. The job should take one day for outside the fence. That should cost \$3,000, and we have enough money for that. Cheryl will ask our contractor how many volunteers we need on the day; probably 4-5.

Shelburne Day Review: Overall, not as many businesses as usual were represented, but attendance was good in general. The Dog Park booth not go that well. Lisa did not attend or bring dog yogurt. We collected \$57, \$25 from one person! Bob entertained lots of questions; some people thought park was closed. Maybe next time, we can use a ppt or video presentation to jazz up our booth.

GoFundMe Update / Fundraising Ideas: Our GoFundMe campaign has raised \$1,794 so far, but response faded after first few days. Bob will publicize it one more time on Facebook. Karen will make second attempt at Ark to post Cheryl's flyer.

- We decided not to do a cocktail party, as we still have COVID issues and it doesn't contribute a lot of money.
- Maybe we will ask organizations like SBPA and Rotary to donate, but we are not 501c3. That might be a deterrent.
- Bob is investigating having a donation space on the dog license postcard. Or how about getting more per license, even by raising the license fee. Currently we get 1 dollar per license.

Dog Park Shed: Bob visited the shed and found no lock on door, but everything is still there. Wheelbarrow and garden tools are only things of value; also some agility training equipment, which we could donate to a dog care facility. Bob and other volunteers will go through it.

Town Website: Our section needs work. Person at Town Hall makes changes, so we need to supply that person with pictures or whatever we want. Laura and Roz will work on suggestions for updating.

Other Business:

- Bob talked to Betsy about moving the sign; needs post hole digger. Could we get John Fairly to do it? Do we need a permit?
- Some people say they can't get into park it's so overgrown. We can't cut anything, but could we tie it with rope to pull it back?
- Bob will call John (our fence guy) to take a look at the above two items.

Adjourn 7:19

Recorded by Karen Medsker

**Next Meeting October 10, 2022**

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