

Shelburne Dog Park Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2022

Attendees: Bob Owens, Karen Medsker, Cheryl Gibson, Laura Parks, Roz Graham, Lisa Williams, Caitlyn Wilson

Call to order: 6:33 PM

Welcome Caitlyn Wilson: Caitlyn was welcomed by the entire committee.

Approve Minutes: The September 2022 minutes were unanimously approved without change.

Public Comments: none

Financial Update: Account balance is \$4,943. Expenses this month were garbage, water and Shelburne News ad for Shelburne days

Invasive Removal: No update from Bob Hyams as to the date of the work. He should provide 2 weeks' notice for us to arrange volunteers to pull brush and notice to close the park for that date.

Park Access Overgrown Path: Bob suggests we consider applying for a permit to allow us to clear the walkway from the entrance to the main open area of the park. Committee agrees.

GoFundMe Update / Fundraising Ideas: Our GoFundMe campaign response has faded. Cheryl suggested doing another push on FPF and Facebook closer to the holidays. Caitlyn suggests we pursue a Venmo account- Bob will follow up with the bank. He will also look into what is needed to become a 501c3 organization.

Caitlyn has several suggestions for fundraising:

- Provide a Santa photo experience close to the holidays- get a volunteer Santa- Lisa may have a Santa Suit.
- Run a raffle- Caitlyn volunteers to coordinate getting donations from local pet friendly businesses using a QR code at business locations. Need to decide on raffle ticket process, goals.
- Run a competition either tug of war or frisbee- probably do it in the park in early spring after mud season.

The committee recommended doing one option at a time.

Dog Park Shed/Garden Tools- Bob and Cheryl cleaned out the shed in the parking lot across from Davis Park. We have 2 weed trimmers on wheels and 2 hand-held weed whackers. Bob

will see if he can start any of the equipment. Cheryl suggest we keep one wheeled trimmer and one hand held trimmer in the event we get a permit allowing us to clear the entry path.

Town Website: Laura and Bob will review the site for needed changes.

Other Business:

Bob is still pursuing adding the dog park as a donation option on the dog license renewal forms Cheryl Suggested Bob speak with Betsy about getting \$2 or \$3 from each dog license for our budget.

Lisa asked about when we should speak with Jessica Brumsted about updating legislation so that the wetlands can be used for a dog recreation area. Bob will contact Jessica.

Adjourn 7:05

Recorded by Cheryl Gibson

Next Meeting November 14, 2022

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