

Shelburne Village Dog Park
Committee Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2019
6 p.m., Town Offices

Present: Bob Owens, Dan King, Lisa Williams, Kay Boyce, Steve McNair, Sally Wadhams and Ed Hamilton from Scouts

Meeting called to order at 6:01.

There were no minutes from February as the meeting was cancelled due to low attendance.

No financial report. Chairman Bob recommended a review of finances in preparation for the shed moving project.

Park maintenance:

Dan King made a recommendation for a new type of waste bin, based on his observation that changing the bag is difficult, especially in cold weather and this was making it difficult to recruit volunteers to do the daily checks. He had observed a waste bin used on Mount Philo that is much easier to handle with lids that open at 90 degrees to the top of the bin and are offset to avoid finger injury. He had done research and recommended buying 4, at a price of \$140-170 each, 3 for the park and 1 for the puppy park. Kay Boyce moved and Lisa Williams seconded a motion to purchase and install 4 new waste bins. All in favor. Betsy Cieplicki will be asked to order them.

Recruiting park maintenance volunteers

Dan reported it has been difficult to find volunteers for waste bin management. He currently has 2 regular volunteers and needs 3 or 4. Lisa volunteered a reward for volunteers: coupons for Scoop and Archie's Grill. Perhaps signage in the park asking for volunteers, or some publicity on Front Porch Forum, would help to encourage new helpers.

Moving the shed:

Scout leader Ed Hamilton was present to discuss the possible new locations for the shed, and the strategies for moving it. It was agreed the move shouldn't be scheduled till after mud season. A list of all property that needs to be removed from the park will be completed and shared with committee members. All items will need to be removed and either stored for future use, donated, or sold.

New Business:

Board membership:

The need for more board members was expressed. The committee will ask current members to re-dedicate themselves to the committee business and will advertise for new members on FPF. Karen Medsker, has indicated she would like to join the board, and an opportunity for her to be interviewed and appointed by the Selectboard will be scheduled.

Sally strongly urged that we recruit new committee members from people who use the park frequently. Steve McNair knows several such people and he will approach them.

We should also contact current members who have not been attending meetings to ask if they would prefer to step down.

A suggestion was made to keep a list of tasks in the minutes with who is going to do what for each month.

Park access in mudseason:

There was a discussion about using the large gate as an entrance so the mud at the main entrance could be avoided. After some discussion there was an idea to use the small dog section of the park as an entrance.

DEC letter

The committee is continuing to work on a plan to be in compliance with the State DEC. The plan calls for the removal of all items in the park except the waste bins. The shed will be removed as soon as the town decides where it can be stored temporarily and the ground is firm enough. A list of other items is being

worked on so the committee can decide the best place to put them. Kay will handle the gravel, rocks, and Fred's sculpture.

Next meeting:
Monday, April 8.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05.

Recorded by Rosalyn Graham, Kay Boyce and Bob Owens