

Shelburne Village Dog Park Committee
Board Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Bob Owens, Committee Chair, at 6:33 p.m.

Members Present: Bob Owens, Lisa Williams, Cheryl Gibson, Roz Graham, Marissa Parisi
Absent: Laura Parks, Karen Medsker

Public Comments: None

Minutes of the February 2022 meeting were approved unanimously without change.

Financial Update: Bob Owens reported that the balance in the dog park account as of 3/14/2022 totals \$3784.21. Debited from the account this month were the \$100 Shelburne Business Association fee and the cost of garbage pick up for 2 months.

Permit Amendment Update: Bob Owens reported that the SVDP request for an additional \$3000.00 that was to be decided at town meeting was somehow dropped from consideration without explanation by the town. Thus, we do not have the total funds needed to complete the invasives project in 2022. Discussion by the committee focused on options to raise the money or cut costs. Ideas included a crowd funding campaign, an appeal on Front Porch Forum and Shelburne News for residents to add a donation to the dog license fees collected each year, and approaching local businesses including Shelburne Supermarket or Petfood Warehouse to participate in a "round up" collection. The committee decided to proceed with the application amendment process and if the project gets state approval to move forward with a scaled back project for this year. Fund raising will follow if the application is approved. The committee also discussed the needs for the doors on the fence to be stabilized this year. Bob Owens will contact Kay to ask about who has done the fence work for us in the past. Cheryl Gibson will contact Bob Hyams to complete the draft of the application which will then be sent to the town for review. And to let him know that full funding is not available this year. We will explore a scaled down version of the project for 2022. Roz Graham volunteered to help with the text for FPF and the Shelburne News when we are ready to do an appeal. Marissa Parisi volunteered to help with fundraising language when we are ready to do an ask.

Next meeting: Monday, April 11 6:30 pm
Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by Cheryl Gibson