

Shelburne Village Dog Park Committee
Board Meeting
Monday, July 12, 2021
6:30 p.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Bob Owens, Karen Medsker, Lisa Williams, Rosalyn Graham, Cheryl Gibson

Guest: Laura Parks (seeking to become a board member; hoping to appear at the Selectboard meeting in August)

Public Comments: None

Minutes of the June 21 meeting were unanimously approved.

Shelburne Day

Shelburne Day is August 21 at the Farmer's Market in the town parade ground. The following items were discussed but will be revisited at our August 9 meeting to finalize plans:

- Lisa will make doggy ice cream
- Bob will bring the awning and set up prior to 9:00 AM. He could use help.
- Cheryl will be present 10-12, either at the awning or at the dog park itself to welcome visitors.
- Laura will be available morning hours (?)
- Karen will be present 12-2
- Roz will create a flyer; requests that we send her dog pictures
- Bob will bring remaining T-shirts
- Bob will print out and bring a sign-up sheet for "friends" of the dog park; we can use this to recruit participants for special events and for workdays at the park (e.g., clean-ups)

Invasive Species in the Dog Park

Following up on discussion from our June meeting, Bob proposed that we hire someone in the spring to remove invasive species (e.g., Buckthorn) growing along or in the fence. Using toxic chemicals is not an option; digging out the offending plants by the roots is very labor intensive, probably too much for volunteers to take on. We will revisit this issue in the early spring next year. Poison parsnip is everywhere in the park. Lisa volunteered to weed whack it for now to minimize further spreading. We will deal with this issue more comprehensively in the future, using either volunteers or possibly a hired professional.

Small Dog Park

Bob was not able to get in touch with Lee to attempt to arrange a Zoom meeting with Tina. He will continue to try, so that the entire committee can talk with her about what is wetland, what is not, and what is possible. For now, we should announce that it is closed.

New Sign Needed

A laminated sign at the park entrance is needed to say that dogs must be licensed and vaccinated to enter the park. We cannot enforce the rule, but the sign would serve as a helpful reminder to patrons. The town reported that the number of dog licenses is down this year vs. last year.

Water Leaks

Roz and Tom Graham made some repairs, but still some leak issues remain. Roz, Tom, Bob, and maybe Lisa will meet at the park this week to find and repair all leaks and install a new hose at the washing station.

Financial Update

Bob reported that we have \$4,882.00. We recently spent \$1,052 on the new sign, Myers trash bill, and membership in SBPA. We are expecting an influx of cash, about \$674, from the dog license fees.

Next meeting: Monday, August 9

Adjourned about 7:30 p.m.

Recorded by Karen Medsker