

**Scit.
Stay.
Play.**

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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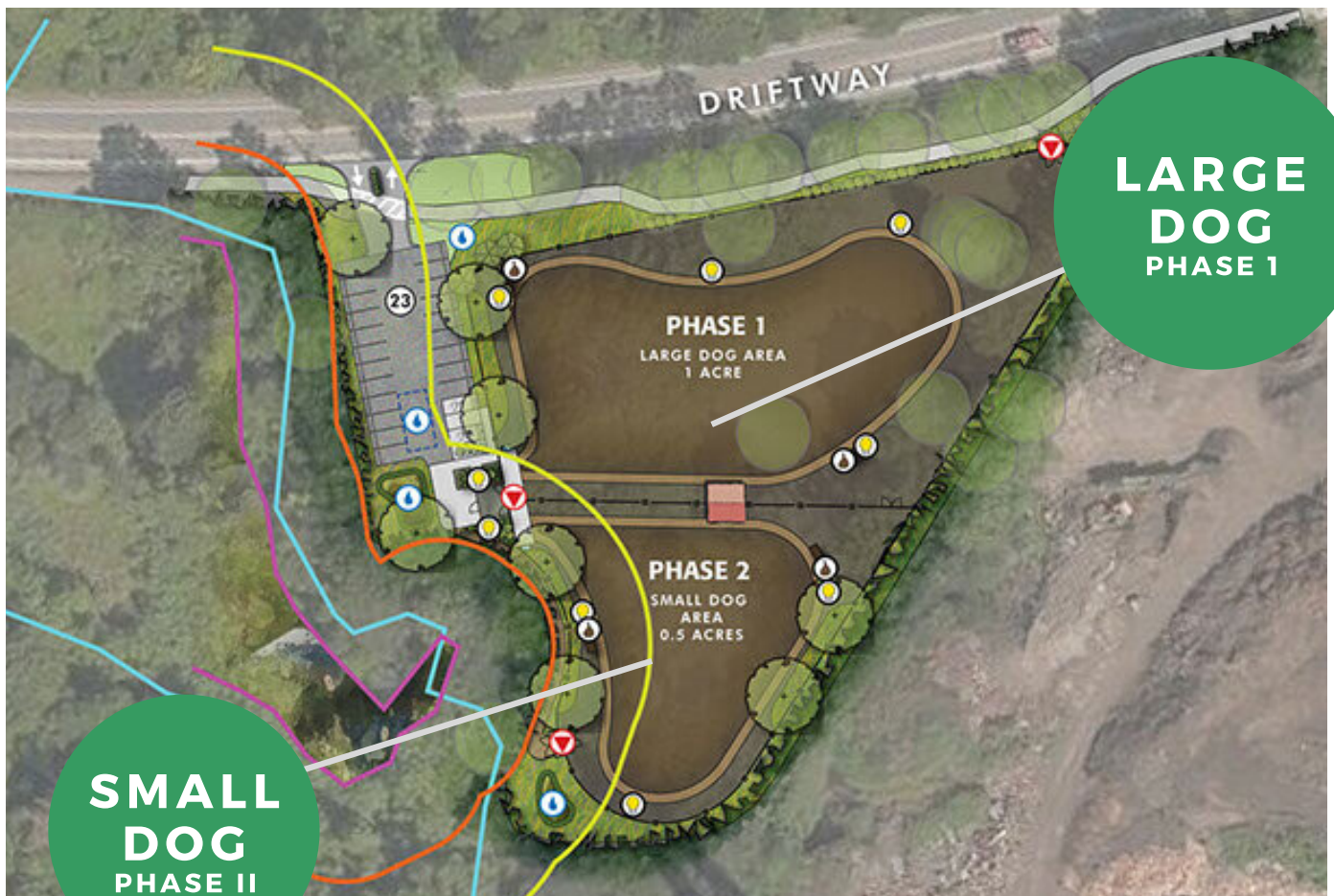


OUR MISSION

COMMITTED TO CREATING
AND MAINTAINING A SAFE
AND FUN COMMUNITY PARK
FOR DOGS TO RUN AND
PLAY OFF-LEASH

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

In April the Scituate Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to award the Contract to build Phase I of the Scituate Dog Park to *Green Acres Landscape & Construction* for \$282,723. Funding for the contract came from the *Stanton Foundation* (\$225,000), the *Scituate CPC* (\$48,700) and a donation from the Friends of Scituate Dog Park (\$29,499.07). The FOSDP also donated the water service installations thanks, in part, to *Ted Ringler of Ringler Excavating Corporation* who provided his services as a donation to our non-profit.



Overview of

FUNDRAISING

MARK YOUR TERRITORY

Our “Mark Your Territory” Brick Fundraising campaign was launched in the spring and by the end of the year had raised over \$11,000! Donors can order custom inscribed bricks to be installed at the park walkway in spring 2020.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

A hearty group marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade to raise awareness for the park and the dogs that participated were a crowd favorite!

SCITUATE 5-K9 ROAD RACE

In May, the First Annual Scituate 5K9 road race took place and was a huge success. Over 100 people participated – running, walking, and hand-cycling to the finish. In addition, 30 dogs joined their two-legged companions! This great event was organized by Rachel Naclerio and her team of volunteers. We thank them for all of their hard work in managing race logistics, securing local sponsors and of course, selecting the FOSDP as the beneficiary of the net profits.

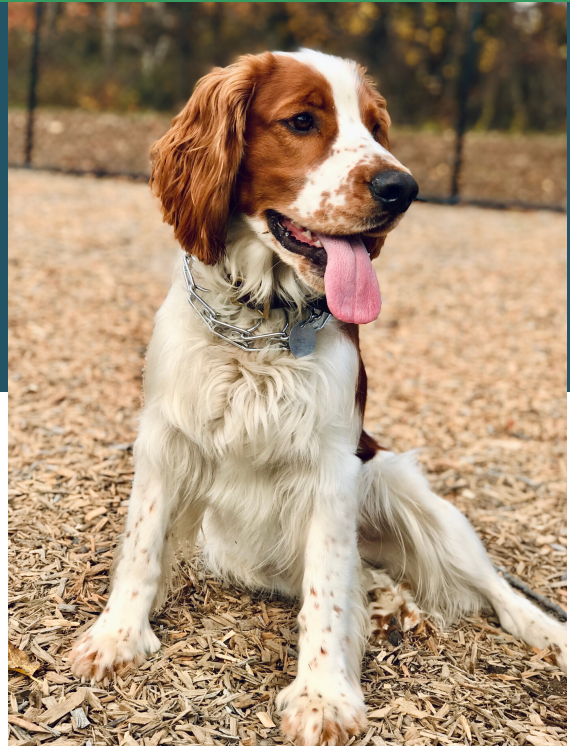


Photo by Sarah Mohr

We're particularly grateful to former Board Member Dr. Siobhan Burke, owner of Driftway Animal Hospital, for her generous event sponsorship which ensured the day's success. \$2,885 was donated and used to purchase amenities for the park.

HOWL-O-WEEN

Our 3rd Annual Howl-o-ween Fundraiser was held at the Barker Tavern and partygoers danced the night away in their favorite costumes. Former board member Andrew Boyle provided the DJ entertainment and a good time was had by all with more than \$4,200 being raised for the park.

Special thanks to our event sponsors:

- *Michelle Anne Murphy, Realtor*
- *Craig Martin of Goodale Insurance*
- *Arthur and Susan Dauwer*
- *Donna Culbert of
Donna's Do Right Dogs.*

A major milestone

SCITUATE DOG PARK OPENS!

September 28th marked the Grand Opening of the Scituate Dog Park. This Phase I of construction included a 1 acre fenced in area for all dogs with facilities installed for our Phase II small dog area. Dozens of people and pups came out to celebrate with us and be the first to pass through the gates as “Who let the dogs out?!” played courtesy of DJ Andrew Boyle. Senator Patrick O’Connor and State Representative Patrick Kearney were on hand to help cut the ribbon and surprised the FOSDP with a Citation of Recognition. We sold custom “Scit.Stay.Play.” tee-shirts, Donna Culbert of Donna’s Do Right Dogs had a “giveaway” table, Maura Devine was selling her Reece’s Homemade Doggie Treats, we served coffee and donuts, and met lots of new friends!

A beautifully crafted custom Donor Board was installed at the park entrance thanks to Matt and Shelley Swanson of BirchBarn Designs.



DID YOU KNOW



The Scituate Dog Park is open to the public every day from dawn to dusk.

The park provides a safe and secure area for supervised dogs to run, play, walk, sniff, socialize and explore...with off-leash freedom. Amenities such as sitting benches, bag stations, drink and wash fountains and trash barrels are there for all to use. Park Rules, educational banners and other park information is posted for the benefit of all visitors.

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FINANCIALS

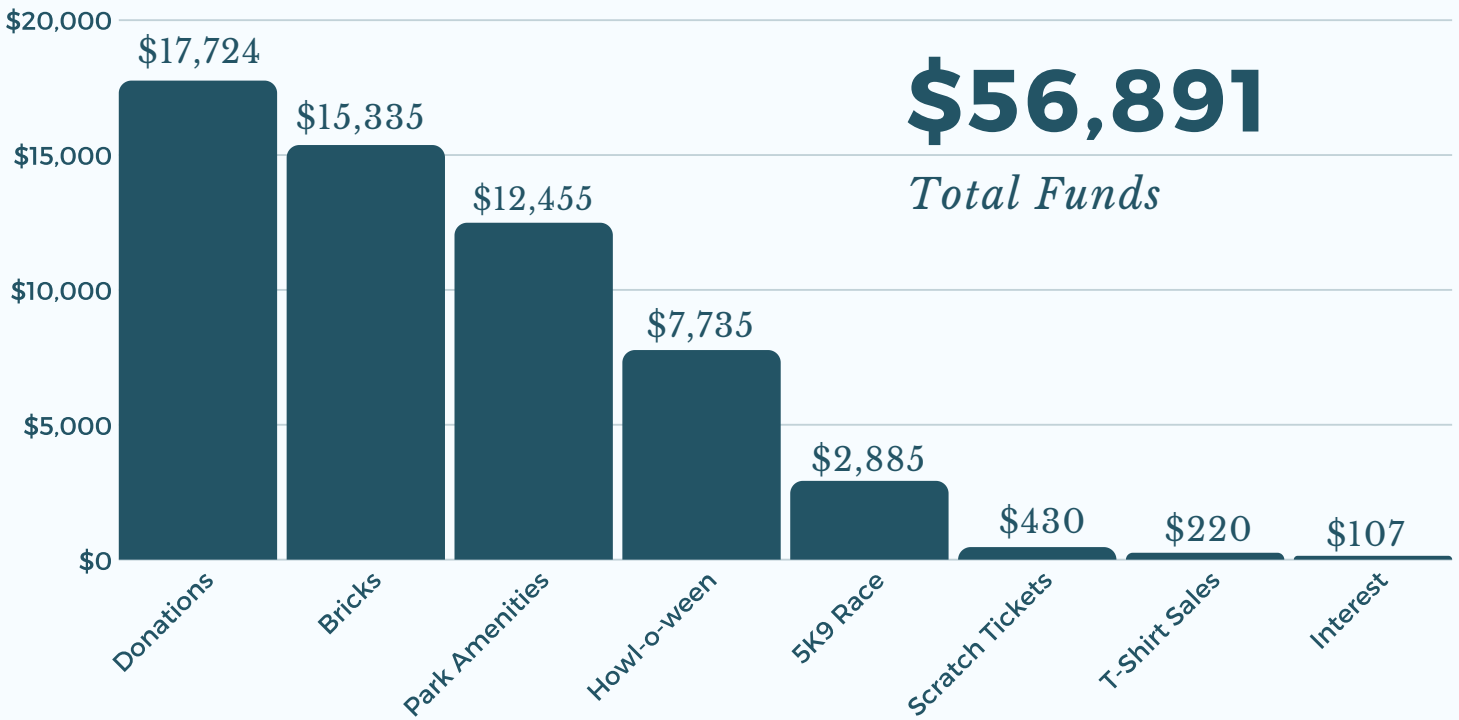
FOSDP began 2019 with net assets of \$24,717.64. We received \$56,890.70 in cash and amenity donations. Expenses, which included \$29,499.07 for the park construction, totaled \$39,982.97.

**FOSDP is a registered 501(3)c non-profit organization.*

\$41,125
Net Assets 12/31/19

\$24,218
Net Assets 1/1/19

Source of Funds



Expenses

- Park Construction \$29,499*
- Bricks \$4,274*
- Howl-o-ween \$3,440*
- General Expenses \$1,532*
- T-shirts \$937*
- Scratch Tickets \$300*

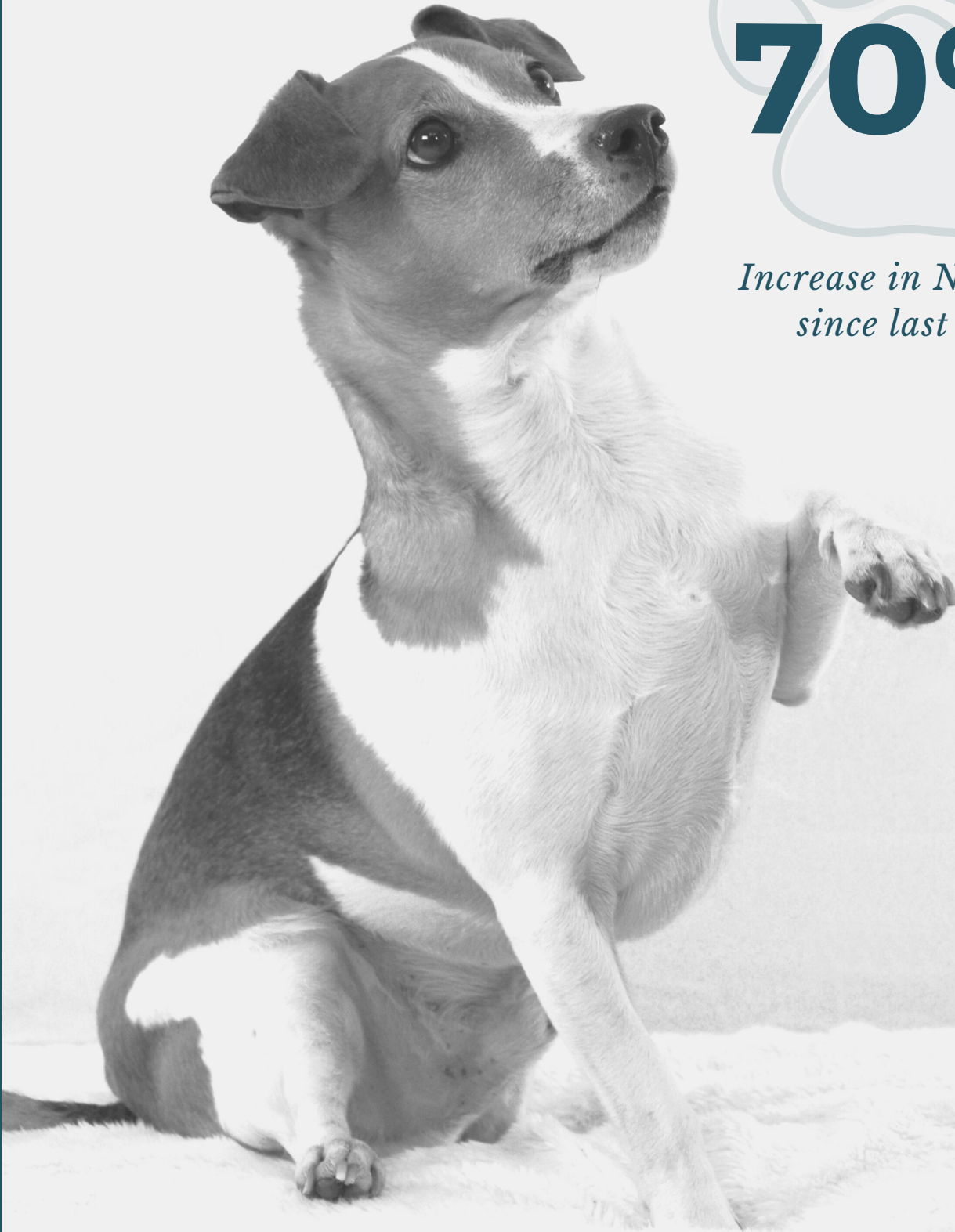
\$39,983
Total Expenses

LET'S RECAP



70%

*Increase in Net Assets
since last year!*



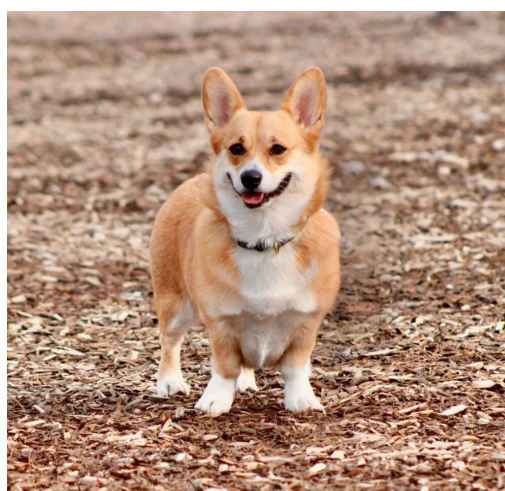
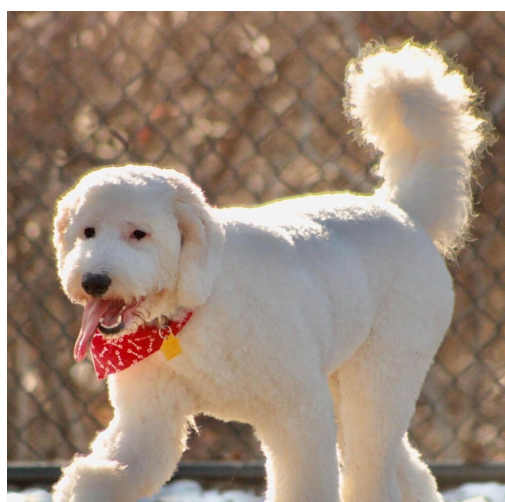
A SPECIAL THANK YOU & LOOK AHEAD

COMMUNITY "HIGH-PAWS"

We want to thank everyone who has supported the FOSDP and the park from conception to build-out and all those who are enjoying the park and made it such a great success! 2019 was a big year and there are so many people that contributed and supported us in so many ways. In addition to the people and companies mentioned above for their contributions, we'd like to thank the following "Friends" for their support: Colleen and Ken Duval of Mill Wharf Marina, Nilah MacDonald, George and Claudia McKenna, Elizabeth Wiza, Sarah Mohr for designing this report, and Stephen Grant Photography for the great pictures featured here and on our social media platforms.

2020 GOALS

With the successful completion of Phase I, we are turning our efforts to the build-out of Phase II, a ½ acre parcel abutting the existing park which will be available for small dogs. The original design of the dog park included separate areas for large and small dogs. The FOSDP will look to raise the \$100,000 needed for the construction of this area. We are also working with the Town of Scituate to develop a plan for additional parking. We hope the community will continue to support our efforts and help us raise the necessary funds to complete Phase II in 2020!



Photos by Stephen Grant Photography

MEET THE BOARD

President

LISA HUFFMAN

is the current President and Chair of Fundraising. She has been a part of FOSDP since the beginning. Lisa started out as co-Secretary, took on the role of Chair of Fundraising, and took over the helm as President in December of 2018. She manages our Social Media and creates the monthly newsletter.

Lisa is a stay-at-home mom with 4 kids...2 humans, 2 canines!

Vice President

SUSAN (GRONDINE) DAUWER

and her husband Arthur have lived in Scituate since 2007. She was inspired by her 7-year old black lab, Moses, to join the Board. She was nominated to the position of Vice-President and assists with fundraising, public outreach and contract support. Susan is an attorney whose practice focuses on commercial litigation and arbitration.

Secretary

KERRY TONDORF

is a retired Boston Public School headmaster who is passionate about the humane treatment of all animals, musical theatre, and photography. She and her husband, Joe, have lived in Scituate for almost 4 decades and have 4 children, 5 grand dogs and 7 human grandchildren. Each of the grand dogs is a rescue dog and has been an amazing addition to their kids' families. Kerry, who serves as the FOSDP Secretary, became interested in the dog park when her older son said he'd rescue a dog if there was a dog park in Scituate.

Mission accomplished!

Treasurer

DANIEL JOYCE

is a financial controller with many years of experience managing finance and accounting departments. Most recently, he served as the controller at Recover Together, a leader in substance use disorder recovery. Dan is the proud owner of an 8-year old American Staffordshire Terrier/bully mix rescue named Darcy. The sweetest dog in the world. She was surrendered to a shelter the week before Christmas, and due to her disposition, the staff named her 'Sugarplum'!

MEET THE BOARD

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DONNA CULBERT is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer and owner of Donna's Do Right Dogs LLC in Norwell, MA. Donna has been training dogs professionally since 2004. She has been a volunteer and staff member at MSPCA, Quincy and Scituate Animal Shelters evaluating and creating training plans for their dogs. Donna competes in K9 Nosework with her dog Sammy.

BRITAIN DAVIS, one of the founding members that helped bring the idea of having a dog park in Scituate to fruition, initially served as Vice President, and then as President, before moving to become a member of the Board of Directors. Having had a long career in the area of technology leadership, Britain provides valuable guidance and assistance to the Board, particularly in the area of IT. She has two rescue pups from Tennessee, Ellie and Marvin, where, coincidentally, she was born and raised.

JAY MOHR is a nearly 23-year resident of Scituate. He and his wife, Sharon, raised their 3 adult children in town, along with three Springer Spaniels: Wrigley, Madeline and Woody. They are active members of the community. In his professional life, Jay has been involved in the biotech industry and currently serves on the Board of the Type 1 Diabetes Exchange. Jay and his family enjoy the outdoors and Woody tags along for hikes and cross-country skiing expeditions. Jay is the newest member of the FOSDP Board.

LISA VAILLANCOURT has been on the Board since its inception. She has worked for the past 7 years with Missingdogsmass.com, an organization dedicated to locating missing dogs and is on their board of directors. Lisa volunteers at the Scituate Animal shelter. She retired from Verizon after 33 years and runs a business in Scituate as a dog walker.

ANDREW BOYLE served on the Board since its inception but resigned at the end of 2019 to work and spend more time with his two children. Thank you, Andrew, for your years of service, support and crowd pleasing emcee and DJ skills.

DR. SIOBHAN BURKE is the owner of Driftway Animal Hospital and was excited to have been on the Board since its inception, but resigned at the end of 2019 after the completion of the large dog park, to focus more on her business and family. She continues to be a sponsor and can attest to how much many of her patients enjoy using the park! Thank you, Siobhan, for your service, wisdom and sponsorships over the years. The Driftway Animal Hospital is a wonderful and trusted place to bring all our beloved pets.

THE BOARD ALSO WISHES TO THANK ALL OTHER FORMER BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICE.

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