

TOWN OF BRANFORD
DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

June 20, 2023

Present: Marilyn Valette, Gretchen Dale, Laurie Van Wilgen, Melodie O'Connor, Stephanie Malkin, John Dendas, Eric Maass

Guest: Laura Burban

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Monthly reports were reviewed. Melody O'Connor and a motion to accept the reports. Laurie Van Wilgen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes from the last meeting- were reviewed Stephanie Malkin made a motion to approve. Melodie O'Connor seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Review of the North Branford Meeting- Laura Burban gave a review of the most recent meeting with North Branford. Jamie Cosgrove was at the meeting and a discussion was held, but the outcome is still not clear. A vote will be taken in their next public meeting where this vote will be on the public agenda.

DCAS 20th Anniversary Party- A discussion continued where and when to hold a party to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Shelter. The consensus was that this should be purely a celebration and not a fundraiser. Stephanie Malkin suggested we do it at Stoney Creek Brewery. The Committee liked that suggestion and agreed we should shoot for a late September or October date and keep it inexpensive, so we will have more people come. Melodie O'Connor volunteered to call Eddi Crowley at the Stoney Creek Brewery and talk about dates and what is possible to do.

Shelter Report- Laura Burban gave a report on what is going on at the shelter. They are very busy and have been having lots of visitors. Outdoor mowing continues to be sporadic and not a regular occurrence. The cleaning crew had some staff shortages so on several occasions they did not show up. Laura and Staff are monitoring both to make sure we get these important upkeep services happening regularly.

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Woofstock Report- Laura reported we only have 32-33 vendors on board at this point. The main sponsors are all in, but we need additional sponsors particularly for the T-shirts. The Commission member understood that years Woofstock might be smaller than pre-covid.

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Making seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission