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DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

January 16, 2018

Present: Commission members Marilyn Valette, Gretchen Dale, Melodie O'Connor, Stephanie Malkin, Eunice Lasala,

Absent: Mary Mellows

Guest: Laura Burban, Don Conklin, Jamie Cosgrove

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM

Review of the Shelter refurbishment with Jamie Cosgrove: Jamie Cosgrove reviewed the current status and overall situation on the shelter addition and refurbishing. The shelter has an excellent reputation, but it was never built for the amount of animals and traffic that now come thru it each day. He fully understand the need for the improvement and is positive about them, but he made it clear that we would need to make sure we received grants and did a capital campaign to augment what we have put aside so far. Due to the current state financial situation which affects the towns and with the many projects going on in the town currently we have to make sure we are fully funded and we must go thru the proper town appropriations authorizations for this project.

Laura Burban filled everyone in on the survey work that has been done by Crucuolo Engineering LLC to determine the use of the property and how far we might be able to move the shelter out. It sits on the site of the town transfer station so this survey is needed to determine the expansion possibilities. We are hoping that this will be received by the end of the week so that it may also be used for a major grant that DCAS is applying for a grant from the Weiderhold Foundation to cover much of the constructions costs. The grant request must be submitted by January 31, 2018. Once the survey is complete it will be given to Joe Sepot to develop the actual plans and to determine the estimate cost of the renovation. The grant should be given the end of March 2018. The DCAS Commission will begin the raising of the additional funds needed via a capital campaign and the Commission assured Jamie Cosgrove that they are all in favor and support this expansion.

Jamie advised that they should have word on a new Commission Member by the end of the month.

Minutes from the Last monthly meeting: Eunice Lasala made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Melodie O'Connor seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Monthly reports: Were reviewed. Melodie O'Connor made a motion to approve the monthly reports. Stephanie Malkin Seconded the motion. The monthly reports were unanimously approved.

FUTURE EVENTS:

-The Pasta dinner planning is underway. There will be 126 tickets sold. The date is confirmed for Sunday March 25th. Laura will begin advertising it the end of February

-Lenny's Restaurant is going to host a Puppy Love fund raiser on Wednesday February 7th. Lenny's will provide appetizers and the facility (similar to the Home event) Tickets will be sold at 25.00 each and a Raffle will be held to raise additional funds.

-Stop and Shop Table the weekend of Super Bowl. We will try to arrange for DCAS to have a table outside the Branford store for donations on February 3&4. Marilyn Vialette will contact Stop and Shop to set it up.

-Tito's Vodka special Drink for DCAS at Moxie restaurant in Madison raised over \$3,000 over the last several months

-2018 is the 15^t Anniversary of the Cosgrove Shelter and Laura Burban would like us to have a party to celebrate. This might be an excellent kick off for the capital campaign. We will do more work on this in the next few months.

-Laura has been trying to contact Charming Charlies to see about the funds from our fall event with them. She recently received a notice that they have filed for bankruptcy so no one is sure if we will receive any funds at this time.

Eunice Lasala made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melody O'Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM

Respectfully submitted

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

DCAS Commission