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DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

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**Present:** Commission Members: Marilyn Vailette, Gretchen Dale, Ann Burke, Eunice Lasala, Stephanie Malkin, Mary Mellows

**Absent:** Melodie O'Connor

**Guest:** Laura Burban DCAS Director

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Marilyn Vailette

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MONTHLY MEETING:** Ann Burke made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Marilyn Vailette seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Monthly Shelter Financial Reports:** Were reviewed. Ann Burke made a motion to approve the reports. Mary Mellows seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

**Shelter Refurbishing Report:** Gretchen Dale gave an update on the status of the plans for the refurbishing of the DCAS shelter. Jamie Cosgrove replied to Gretchen's letter of January the 8<sup>th</sup> and indicated he would review it and get back to us. The Commission requested that Gretchen send out a follow-up email to Jamie Cosgrove outlining what has transpired over the last two years so that Jamie would have all the information in one place. Gretchen will also reiterate that the funds for this project were discussed on several occasions as coming from the Animal Control General fund.

**Pasta Dinner-** Marilyn Vailette gave an update on the Pasta Dinner. The date is set for Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 at the Branford Italian American Club. A review of who would contact what restaurants for donations was reviewed.

**Stoney Creek Brewery—**Stoney Creek Brewery will be holding DCAS fundraisers the next two Wednesday evenings from 6-8. A donation for each drink will be given to DCAS . All are encouraged to come.

**Goals for 2017**-Marilyn Vailetta asked the commissioners to start thinking about some new goals for 2017 . She asked everyone to come to the next meeting in February with a list of ideas. Some ideas that were mentioned at this meeting were a beautification of the DCAS grounds. What can we do to make the "Play for Life" program even bigger and better for the shelter. Craft projects and ideas of items we can sell to raise

Ann Burke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eunice LaSala seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

DCAS Commission