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DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

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Present: Commission Members: Marilyn Valette, Gretchen Dale, Ann Burke, Eunice Lasala, Stephanie Malkin, Mary Mellows, Melodie O'Connor

Guest: Laura Burban DCAS Director

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

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MONTHLY MEETING: Ann Burke made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Melodie O'Connor 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.

The Pasta Dinner- Was highly successful and raised \$3417. Over 150 tickets were sold.

Shop Rite and Pet Value Fundraisers – will be held Saturday April 22nd. Pet Value will run from 9-11 and Shop Rite from 11-3. DCAS will be selling T shirts and will have animals at both events. Laura asked for more volunteers to help out.

BINGO night sponsored by the Gay Men's Chorus at the Annex in New Haven Saturday September 16, 2017- Mary Mellows is chairing this event. DCAS will have a table with things for sale as well as taking donations. In addition anyone can come and play bingo. We will need to get there by 5:00 to set up and get in line for bingo.

WOOFSTOCK- Planning meetings for the August 12 Woofstock on the Branford Green has already begun and all vendor and sponsorship kits have gone out and follow-up is now beginning.

DISCUSSION OF HOPE'S PROGRESS-Laura advised that the outpouring of help for HOPE has been astounding and have received donations from as far away as Australia and Japan. Hope is doing extremely well and it is hoped she will be out of the hospital quite soon. The shelter staff

will begin reviewing adoption applications soon, but Hope still has a way to go in her recovery before she can actually be adopted out. The investigation is still continuing on who did this to her. A suggestion was made to see if we could rename our animal care fund the HOPE fund. We will investigate if that is possible.

Shelter Refurbishing Report - Gretchen Dale reported on the last meeting with Jamie Cosgrove. Next meeting will be in late May or early June to get approval from the finance dept. to go before the RTM for permission to spend the money from our DCAS General Fund. Gretchen and Marilyn will schedule that meeting as soon as possible.

Future Goals Review

Melodie O'connor is still working to see if we can get an event with Charming Charlie's in Guilford

Brochures for the Shelter- the first of these has been done and sent to Laura for Approval. Once it is approved the other two will be put into work. These are handouts to be used at the shelter and events on Spay Neuter, Animal Care and Welfare.

New Ideas were talked about including:

Animal Education- how do we get our own DCAS animal care program to more people

Succession Planning- still need to set up how to's for our events so that each year no matter who is working on the event they have all the information from the year before.

Clean-up and replanting of the Shelter- Eunice suggested we start this after we get the refurbishing completed but should be in the planning stage now. It will involve cleanup, some refencing, and replanting and then a maintenance plan to keep it taken care of.

We will all think about other ideas to put on our goals list for the next meeting.

Ann Burke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melodie O'Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

DCAS Commission