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DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

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Present: Commission Members: Marilyn Valette, Eunice Lasala, Stephanie Malkin, Melodie O'Connor

Absent: Gretchen Dale, Mary Mellows

Guest: Laura Burban, DCAS Director

The Meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Marilyn Valette

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MONTHLY MEETING: Melodie O'Connor made a motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting. Eunice LaSala seconded the motion. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

WOOFSTOCK: Woofstock was a success; donations totaled roughly \$20,000, per Laura Burban. Laura received a great deal of positive comments from vendors who were quite satisfied with their experience. A discussion regarding what could be changed or worked on for next year ensued; it was agreed that next year more attention would be paid to vendor drop off and organization of apparel.

SHELTER REFURBISHING: A follow-up discussion from last month's meeting regarding the shelter re-furbish commenced; it was decided that at the September Commission Meeting a strategy would be developed to move forward with the refurbish plan. Laura noted that before that meeting, she would like to get an official estimate regarding how much everything will cost. Laura noted that she still plans to do "Sleeping in the Kennel" fundraiser to raise funds specifically for the shelter re-furbish.

ACTION POINT: Based on this discussion we will see if we can put together a Capital Campaign Committee to raise money to add to the \$60,000 bequest money put into the building account.

COMMISSION MEMBER VACANCY: Anne Burke has resigned from the Commission, and therefore a Branford vacancy currently exists. The Commission discussed taking some time to come up with the names of new potential members. Marilyn reported that she would let Jamie know that this is our plan moving forward.

FUTURE FUNDRAISERS:

1. **Charming Charlie**- October 21 from 10-6.
2. **The Stand Restaurant**- September 9 from 5pm-close.
3. **Moxie Guilford**—Is continuing to offer the Shelter Me Drinks in conjunction with Tito's Vodka.
4. **John Perry Art Exhibit**- October 22 from 1-3; will be held at Local Restaurant in Branford. 20% of the painting sales will go to DCAS and 100% of the raffle held will go to DCAS.
5. **Animal Awareness Day**- October 1, Blessing of the animals will be at 1:30. DCAS will take a booth

Stephanie Malkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Vailette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Malkin

DCAS Commission