

**TOWN OF BRANFORD**  
**DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES**

**October 19, 2021**

**Present:** Commission members Marilyn Valette, Gretchen Dale, Eunice Lasala, Stephanie Malkin, Eric Maass, Melodie O'Connor, Laurie Van Wilgen

**Guests:** Laura Burban, Wayne Cook

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

**Minutes of the last meeting**

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Laurie Van Wilgen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Monthly Reports**

The capital campaign building fund is not reflected in the monthly financial reports as they report into a different account. Laura Burban said she would ask to see if we can have access to that report to review every month.

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Stephanie Maslin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Shelter Project update**

Laura gave an update on what was going on at the construction site. Everything is moving forward; the gas has finally been turned off and some foundation has been poured and some additional tree removal has been required. They are working with the neighboring military building on the north side of the shelter to work with them on the water running off coming from their property into the parking lot of the shelter.

### **Wayne Cook**

Wayne Cook attended the DCAS Commission Meeting as a member of the public and asked to address the Commission with some of his concerns as follows:

1. He spoke about the selection process of the capital campaign person which he felt was not done properly. Laura and the Commission corrected him on some of his inaccuracies in what he perceived had happened. The commission strongly disagreed with Wayne's comments and perceptions and spoke out to try and make the corrections.
2. Wayne once again wanted to express his unhappiness with the sustainable green that was being put into the shelter. He felt this was done with a lack of transparency

Laura gave an update on Laney and her condition and that she has been adopted by the family who found her roaming. She is going very well

### **Fundraisers**

The fire department Mullet for Mutts at the fundraiser had a good turn out and raised \$5,000

The Patronicity raised \$15,000 from private donors that will be matched by the Sustainable CT fund 1:1 for a total of \$30,000 which help pay for several of the green projects in the new shelter.

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eunice Lasala seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission

