

TOWN OF BRANFORD
DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

January 18, 2022

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

Guests: Laura Burban

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. Stephanie Malkin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Shelter Updates

Laura Burban gave an update on the building progress at the new shelter. It is moving along well. There is great the contractor. There have been some issues, but things are progressing. Anticipated that work on the interior of the structure should begin around March 4th. Laura is going to check to see how the commission members could get on the Thursday zoom meetings if they want to attend.

The part time ACO who replaced Amanda is going to go to full time so we will be back to full staffing.

AS discussion of the new budget was held as the budget needs to be presented in February to the BOF. Several new budget items were discussed for the new shelter and will be investigated and developed by the commission before the February budget meeting.

Fundraisers

Laura announced that the Betty White Challenge looks like it will raise \$15,000.

Vanessa is wanting to do another Puppy Love Event at Lenny's. It was suggested we use this event to announce the volunteer of the year

The Commission agreed to not hold the annual Pasta Dinner this year due to all that is going on and to refresh the event for 2023 and make it something slightly new and different but keeping it a family event.

Stephanie Malkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laurie Van Wilgen seconded the Motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission