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September 15, 2020

Present: Commission Members: Marilyn Valette, Stephanie Malkin, Laurie VanWilgen, Eric Maass, Melodie O'Connor

Absent: Gretchen Dale, Eunice Lasala

Guest: Laura Burban, DCAS Director, Jennifer Aniskovich, Greg Ames

The Meeting was called to order at 6:04 by Marilyn Valette

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MONTHLY MEETING: Laurie VanWilgen made a motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting. Eric Maass seconded the motion. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

SHELTER SOFTWARE: Laura Burban gave an update on the recently purchased shelter software and how it was being utilized by the staff.

SHELTER PROJECT: Laura Burban provided a summary of the recent town meetings and an overview of the next steps. Jennifer Aniskovich reviewed the timeline of the project moving forward including the launch of the "public phase."

SHELTER HAPPENINGS: Laura shared the story of a stray kitten traveling over an hour in the engine of a car and ending up in Branford. DCAS and the Branford Fire department were called to assist with safely removing the kitten. The kitten, named Lauren, is recovering nicely at the Shelter.

WOOFSTOCK: Woofstock is being conducted virtually this year with the help of Renee DiNino and iHeartRadio. Thus far, approximately \$6,000 has been raised primarily through sponsorships (i.e. Tito's.) The Woofwalk and Hippee Dog Costume Contest are currently being held virtually as well as part of the Woofstock festivities. Woofstock t-shirts are also being sold online and a raffle was held to kick off the "20 days to \$20,000" Woofstock 2020 event.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: Karyn Putney and her daughter's, Emily and Julia, are the recipients of the 2020 Volunteer of the Year award. Congratulations to this amazing family for all they do for the animals in our community!

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS: None

Marilyn Valette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melodie O'Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Malkin

DCAS Commission