

TOWN OF BRANFORD
DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Special Meeting October 27, 2020

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

Guests: Laura Burban ,Jamie Cosgrove, Wayne Cook, DeeDee Hakum, Carolyn Sires,Wendy Joyce

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

Shelter Project Update: Wendy Joyce gave an update of the progress of checking into cages for the main cat room, the cat quarantine room, sick cat and maternity room and the small animal room. She is working with the Mason Company on this. Cages will have glass fronts and will be geared to making the rooms as quite as possible. They are researching retractable hoses for the kennels.

Jamie Cosgrove gave an update on the progress of the project. The BOD of selectman approved and awarded the architectural services to Joe Sepot who will begin the formal building plans. Still to be done are the Civil Engineering, schematic and construction documents and wetland approval. It will then go out to bid in abut 3-4 weeks. Joe Sepot the architect will put together the bidding packages and the purchasing department will initiate the bidding process. The bidding process will take about 4 weeks once it is issued out for competitive bidding.

It will then be turned over to the Public Building Committee who will ultimately be the group that accepts the final bid and they will then meet every few weeks with the architect and design committee to keep the process flowing. Estimated ground -breaking looks like late March.

Capital Campaign Report: Laura gave a report on the Capital Campaign now that it has gone public. We are now a \$731,00. We raised \$35,000 via the peer to peer on- line program and she indicated there should be about another \$30,000 coming in.

Wayne Cook spoke at the meeting. He wanted to clarify that the that the granting of the additional acreage in the back of the shelter must me approved by the RTM. He also wanted to reiterate that he

feels the Green Committee is biased and one sided. He again wanted to say the process must be kept open and transparent.

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gretchen Dale seconded the motion. All were in favor

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission