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DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

November 17, 2020

Marilyn Valette
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

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

Guests: Laura Burban, Wayne Cook, DeeDee Hakim, Greg Ames

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM

Minutes of the last meeting: Melody O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Eric Maass seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes of the Special Meeting: Gretchen Dale made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting of October 27, 2020. Eric Maass seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Shelter Project Overview:

- Laura Burban, Stephanie Malkin, and Marilyn Valette attended the Building Commission meeting on October 16, 2020.
- There was discussion and a vote taken to use a CM (Construction Manager) contractor rather than a GM (General Manager) contractor it is more flexible, speedier and allows for supplies to be donated to the project.
- It looks like the project will break ground in the spring of 2021.
- Laura Burban is checking with grant to see if we can hold the grant till then as it was to have been March 31, 2021. The grant is for \$175,000.
- We are 78% toward the 1 million Capital Campaign goal. Donations continue to come in and Peer to Peer has been good. Laura suggested a Positively Thankful theme for the Thanksgiving holiday to use for the Thanksgiving Peer to Peer drive. There are 5 major prospects that Laura Burban is soliciting.

General Shelter Overview:

- The shelter is once again closed to the public due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases.
- Adoptions continue via phone and email and animals are brought outside for meeting prospective adopters, so it has not stopped adoptions.

- The food pantry is still O.K. with lots of food being donated by residents.
- Puppy Santana who was rescued had puppy has an infection of his whole face. He is at the vet and we are seeking donations for his care

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Maass seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission