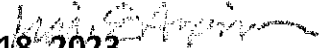


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DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES July 18, 2023


STEPHANIE MALKIN
TOWN CLERK

Present: Marilyn Valette, Laurie Van Wilgen, Melodie O'Connor, Stephanie Malkin, John Dendas, Eric Maass

Absent: Gretchen Dale

Guest: Laura Burban

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

There were no monthly reports to review.

Minutes from the last meeting- were reviewed by the Commission. Melodie O'Connor made a motion to approve. John Dendas seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Review of the North Branford Meeting- Laura Burban gave an update; the contract drawn up by Branford was sent to the North Branford Town Council for their perusal- there has been no additional information provided at this point. Stephanie Malkin (North Branford Commissioner) has not been contacted by any members of the NB Town Council regarding these proceedings/meetings.

DCAS 20th Anniversary Party- details of this celebration were discussed. Event will take place at Stony Creek Brewery on October 11th from 6-9. Buffet options were discussed as was ticket price (tentatively \$60/pp.) Laura will reach out to Sweets On Main regarding a dessert donation. Eric Maass offered to purchase tickets for shelter staff to attend.

Shelter Report- Laura Burban gave a report on what is going on at the shelter. They are very busy and have been having lots of visitors in addition to a significant amount of owner surrenders. Outdoor mowing continues to be sporadic and not a regular occurrence (Public Works issue.) Lena Carlson, Program Coordinator, will be on maternity leave indefinitely and her position, per HR, will not be filled while she is out.

Woofstock Report- Laura reported we have approximately 40 vendors on board at this point. The main sponsors are all in, but we still need additional sponsors particularly for the T-shirts. The Commission members understood that this year's Woofstock might be smaller than pre-covid as we work to rebuild

our vendor/sponsor base.

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laurie VanWilgen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Malkin

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission