

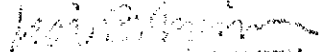
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TOWN OF BRANFORD

DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

September 19, 2023


BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

Present: Marilyn Vailette, Gretchen Dale, Laurie Van Wilgen, Melodie O'Connor, John Dendas, Eric Maass

Guest: Laura Burban

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Monthly reports- were reviewed. Melodie O'Connor and a motion to accept the reports. Laurie Van Wilgen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes from the last meeting- were reviewed Laurie VanWilgen made a motion to approve. Melodie O'Connor seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Shelter Anniversary Party- A discussion was held about the status of the Anniversary Party. We need to push to get more tickets sold. The announcement of the party will be publicized in multiple Shoreline papers and the commission members will circulate the invitation to friends and on FB to get more word out. There was discussion on the difficulty of purchasing the tickets on the town website.

Future Meeting Location-The Commission unanimously agreed to hold the monthly meetings at the DCAS shelter building. Marily advised this will have to be done beginning next year when she publishes the meeting dates information.

Vacant Commission Seat- a discussion was held about the vacant commission seat caused by the North Branford decision to no longer use the DCAS services. Stephanie Malkin, who represented North Branford had to step down from the commission leaving a vacant seat. Marilyn Vailette said she would research this and come back to us on changing our charter to no longer require a North Branford person to be on the Commission.

Annual Report- is due in October. Marilyn and Laura will work on this, and she requested anyone who is interested in helping to contact her.

Shelter Report-It seems like the yard care for the new shelter is moving along well. The cleaning of the shelter has not been regular and of late not happening at all. Laura continues to work on getting this to

happen more regularly, but it appears that we might have to have it outsourced as the current team is not doing the job.

Laura discussed that some of the staff cannot live on working only 19 hours a week (part time). John Dendas and Eric Maass will see if they can set up a meeting with Jamie Cosgrove to see how we can remedy this and will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Fundraisers-there are currently no future fundraisers on the calendar. Laura encouraged the Commission to try and get some going now for the fall season.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission