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TOWN OF BRANFORD

DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

November 21, 2023

Mel E. Quinn
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

Present: Marilyn Valette, Gretchen Dale, Laurie Van Wilgen, John Dendas, Eric Maass

Absent: Melodie O'Connor

Guest: Laura Burban

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Minutes from the last meeting- were reviewed Gretchen Dale made a motion to approve. John Dendas seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Open Commission Seat

A discussion was held about the vacant Commission seat. We have had one application. Marilyn is checking with Jamie Cosgrove's office to find out the status of this application. Gretchen Dale will send a copy of the applicant's letter and resume to each of the Commission members for review.

Shelter Update

Cats are getting adopted but dog adoptions are much slower. Many dogs get applicants and applications reviewed, and spoken with on the phone, but never come into the shelter after the paperwork and phone interview are completed. The cost of medical treatment for animals is a big deterrent to adoptions now.

A couple from Guilford who were supporters of DCAS passed away and left their house and car to the shelter. Laura is working on this and the outcome.

Shelter Cleaning

Wendy and Pam are working with Brian to get a better system. The cleaning is quick and not thorough due to a lack of staff and time from the town cleaning team. They put cleaner in the toilet bowls but do

not brush them. There is a lack of help on the cleaning team. The cleaning process is not at all what the Commission had hoped for the new shelter.

Fundraisers and Events

Trivia night is sold out.

Home Event- have sold 30 tickets so far of 120 available and there are 30 raffle baskets so far.

Puppy Love is still scheduled for February/March.

A family in Woodbridge wants to do a 5K fundraiser probably in Madison. Time TBD.

John is going to run another pizza fundraiser for DCAS.

Laura Van Wilgen, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Dendas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission