

TOWN OF BRANFORD
DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES
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Present: Marilyn Valette, Gretchen Dale, Laurie Van Wilgen, Eric Maass, Bernice McKay, John Dendas, Melodie O'Connor

Guest: Wendy Joyce

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Monthly Reports: There was only one report included in the attachment and that was from March 2024. The financial reports were not included. Based on this there was no vote that was able to be held on the monthly reports. Marilyn will ask Laura to resend the complete reports packet for April when she is back in the office.

Laura had sent an email that there were \$116,109.88 in donations for April and \$109,000 of that from a woman that had passed away last June, and the estate was just settled and the was put into our cause account for medical care of animals at the shelter as per the deceased donor's request.

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

Updates from the Shelter-Wendy Joyce advised that they had hired a part-time animal control attendant. Also reported that The Warrant on the animal cruelty case had been served. The court date was sent but on the day of the court case the defendant's lawyer got an extension to the following month. The Shelter is still very happy with the new cleaning service.

Fundraisers and Events

-The Rabies Clinic was held but there was no information available on how it went and how many dogs were vaccinated

=Branford Festival- DCAS will have booth at the event.

--Tommy Sullivan's—no further information on this event was available

--Marilyn asked everyone to continue to think about what we could do for a major fundraiser this year.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission