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DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

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BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

June 17, 2025

**Present:** Marilyn Valette, Gretchen Dale, Laurie Van Wilgen, Eric Maass, Bernice McKay, John Dendas, Melodie O'Connor

**Guest:** Laura Burban

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

**Monthly Reports:** Were reviewed. Melodie O'Connor made a motion to accept the reports. John Dendas seconded the motion. The monthly reports were unanimously approved.

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

**Branford Festival:** Laura recapped the event at its new location at Hammer Field. DCAS booth was across from the Ferris Wheel. We had adoptable animals there to meet people. Laura indicated we got a good amount of interest from people who came by to see us. Saturday had vendors in the Parking lot and Sunday there was a car show in the parking lot.

**Happening at the Shelter:** We are still looking for an animal care attendant and a per diem ACO. Animal Camp of starting at the end of June. Brittany and Dawn are the managers this summer. We currently have 25 kids enrolled for this session. Laura gave us a fill in on the current court cases that were pending.

**Fundraisers:** There is currently nothing scheduled

**Other Business:** Marilyn asked if we had gotten all the donations committed for the Capital Campaign. Laura indicated we had except for a few that were still outstanding, some from a few people totaling about \$125,000. Marilyn asked how many vehicles the shelter currently had. Laura said we currently have 3 vehicles.

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting Eric Maass seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission