

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting August 21, 2014, 12-00pm, COA at VMCC

Attending were MacDonald, Brec, Brooke, Murphy. Excused, O'Neil, unexcused, Cook.

Ruth Ann Cowing, ACO, Morgan Clark, Health Agent

Public: Marsha Sirota

1. The minutes of 7/15/14 were reviewed and approved.
2. We discussed with the ACO the protocol for humanely putting down an injured animal. She stated that how the situation is handled is the decision of whoever is on. Transport to CARE is the preferred method, but in certain situations, that may induce more suffering to the animal.
3. The PAWS bill passed.
4. PES: Elizabeth volunteered her son, Christopher, to make a spread sheet of the list of volunteers. Morgan was going to see if that would be put into Constant Contact. We have a fully fleshed emergency shelter, and are not Regional. We are in a better situation. Just need to build the volunteer component. Grates and bowls are in the trailer at the VMCC. The trailer is very organized.
5. An updated Doggie Dining Variance was passed by the BOH. To be implemented next year. Some of the issues addressed were dogs not getting along, servers touching and petting the animals, and dogs on laps or tables.
6. Discussion with ACO: Some of the issues that have come up, owners not conforming to leash laws on the beach, Z(difficult to enforce as two sets of regulations depending on the beaches left or right of Howland), complaints from adjacent condo owners of dogs pooping on private desks (resolution: up to the Condo Association), and barking dogs (mediation between neighbors). We are good re: rabies. There will be baiting again this year. 3/5 bats caught tested positive. WILDCARE no longer takes bats. Message to the public, if you wake up in a room with a bat, need to go to the hospital, if there was a bat in a room not occupied, and no contact, not to worry. Many fox complaints, no coyote complaints.
7. Next meeting 9/18/14. 12-00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Brec
Clerk pro tempore

