

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting January 7, 2016, 12-00pm, The Inn at Gabriels, 102 Bradford Street, Provincetown, MA

Attending were MacDonald, Brec, Jutsum, Brooke, Murphy. Excused, Dwyer
Public: Peter Brown, Patty Fitzmaurice, Elizabeth A. Brooke

Public Comments:

Patty Fitzmaurice (PF) – In her neighborhood, there is a person feeding foxes. She has called Animal Control, and was told there was nothing they could do. Her fear is that someone will get bit, and she was addressing our group as a last resort.

Elizabeth Brooke (EB) – Stated that there had been no reported fox bites to humans or dogs. She also stated that she had been working with certified people in order to better familiarize herself with the nature of foxes. There have been no reported cases of foxes having rabies.

PF – If foxes continue to be fed, they will come to depend on humans for food, and will not be able to fend for themselves.

EB – The major contributor to foxes having access to human food is our lack of controlling landfill garbage, and proper placement of secure garbage cans.

PF – Reiterated her concern, which was duly noted by the AWC.

1. The minutes of 11/19/15 were approved.
2. Elizabeth presented a draft letter to the National Seashore re: our position against the “Shorebird Management Plan/Environmental Assessment”. A motion was made, and passed 5-0-0, to submit the letter, with a few changes, to the National Seashore.
3. We discussed redoubling our efforts to educate the public about feeding wildlife, using PSA’s.
4. All members were encouraged to work on the Resource list.
5. Next meeting 2/18/16.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Brec
Clerk pro tempore