

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting
September 15, 2016, 12:00pm, COA/VMCC
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown, MA

Attending were Brec, Jutsum, Brooke, MacDonald, Murphy
Candace Nagle, Provincetown/Truro Town Captain – Citizens for Farm Animal Protection
Katy Ward, Banner Reporter

Public: Marsha Sirota

No public comments

1. The minutes of 8/25/16 per approved.
2. Carol stated that Dennis Minsky (Chair, Provincetown Conservation Commission) would like to attend a future meeting. Will depend on his work schedule. In her discussion with him, Carol was told that Coastal Acres would be developed, although no paperwork has yet been filed. However, the goal is to minimize impact, and keep space for public use/access. Elizabeth suggested we speak with the new owner.
3. Candace thanked the Committee for their role in the Rabbit Farm incident. The perpetrator of the crime was convicted, and has a life long ban from raising rabbits.
4. Candace addressed the Committee to ask for assistance in supporting Ballot question #3.
 - a) Asked the Committee to draft a Letter to the Editor, indicating our support, to be submitted to the Cape Cod Times and the Banner. A motion was made to do this, and passed 5-0-0. Elizabeth will draft and submit.
 - b) Asked that the Committee support her obtaining the Firehouse (to be staffed by her volunteers), to educate the public about voting yes on Question 3, and fundraising. A motion was made to do this, and passed 5-0-0.
 - c) Asked if Committee members who live in high visibility areas would consider posting a yard sign. Those committee members who live in high visibility areas will post yard signs.
 - d) Asked if Committee members would hold signs on Election Day. Those that can, will.
 - e) Asked if a Committee member would consider hosting an event to promote awareness of Ballot question 3, and also be a fundraiser. There were no takers.
5. Jeff presented the results of the meeting with the Health Agent. She will not be able to attend every meeting. Asked that she be notified in advance if something was the agenda relating to the Health Department. Some Committee members deemed this not an acceptable solution. All members agreed that we do not wish to have an adversarial relationship with the Health Department. It will be discussed at the joint meeting the Committee will be having with the Board of Selectmen on November 28th. In addition, the Health Agent stated that a plan was in the works to have a dry run of the Emergency Shelter. She will keep us posted.
6. Elizabeth stated that she was in the process of organizing talks, to be presented by staff of Wild Care, and Cape Wildlife Center, to be held at Napi's.

7. Contact with Mary-Jo Avellar regarding the Seashore's plans was tabled until the next meeting.

8. Next meeting schedule for 10/20/16

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Brec
Clerk pro tempore