

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting January 26, 2017, 12-00pm, at the **Inn at Gabriels (in the Great Room), 102 Bradford Street**, Provincetown, MA

Attending were: Brec, Brooke, MacDonald, Murphy, Jutsum

RuthAnne Cowing, Provincetown ACO

Public: Marsha Sirota, Diane Boretos, Wetlands and Wildlife Biologist

No public comments

1. The minutes of 12/15/16 were approved.
2. Sherry, Carol, RuthAnne, and Dr. Hutchings were present at the group meeting of the Emergency Shelter in January. The Shelter team suggested we attempt to find a back-up vet for Dr. Hutchings (Sherry reached out to 2 local vets).
3. RuthAnne stated that the pool of people to transport animals, especially rabies vectors, up Cape, was small. Barbara offered assistance, and was placed on the list.
4. Cape Wildlife Center. At the moment, it seems as if CWC will be able to operate throughout the end of 2017. They are very close to signing a lease with HSUS to continue to utilize the property/facilities. Are in the process of looking for staff, as Lynn Miller is transferring to the Florida facility run by HSUS. Fundraising is ongoing. The target to be self-sustaining is \$400,000.
5. RuthAnne stated that she had been contacted re: someone leaving hotdogs near Priscilla Alden and Bradford Sts. A citizen was concerned that his dog spit it out, and that the hotdogs were either poisoned or had medicine in them. RuthAnne took said hotdogs, to see if she could have them tested. Health Department was not concerned. The cost of testing was deemed prohibitive. To the Committee's knowledge, no one was leaving out medicated hotdogs. The situation seems to have been resolved, as no more hotdogs have been reported at the above location.
6. The subject of indoor/outdoor (I/O) cats was brought up. People concerned that I/O cats are stalking their bird feeders. Diane Boretos talked about educating the public to the issues around I/O cats. Jeff suggested that it might be a good idea to see if an Ornithologist would be able to do a talk at Napi's. Carol volunteered to right a PSA addressing the issue of I/O cats.
7. Next meeting 2/16/17. (Subsequently, there was a conflict with the date, and via email communications, the date was changed to 2/23/17.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Brec
Clerk pro tempore