

**Animal Welfare Committee Meeting October 19, 2017, 12-00pm, at the COA/VMCC, 2
Mayflower Street, Provincetown, MA**

Attending were: Brec, MacDonald, Brooke, Murphy, Jutsum
RuthAnne Cowing, ACO
Linda Loren, Nancy Swanson, Rowan Wioldblad – Members of the Disability Committee

Public: Marsh Sirota

No public comments

1. We discussed, with the members of the Disability Commission, the role of service animals in our community. Of note, specifically, most regulations are Federal. Massachusetts is in the process of addressing misrepresentation of pet owners that their animal is a service animal. As that wends its' way through legislation, we (AWC and Disability Committee together) decided to proactively draft two separate statements, one for business owners, outlining their rights, and one for service animal owners. This will be an ongoing goal throughout the winter.
2. The minutes of 9/21/17 were approved.
3. RuthAnne stated she had a lot of calls this summer about dogs in cars.
4. FCW is running an online auction to benefit CWC.
5. CWC is viable, they have a three-year plan, and the NEWC will be the steward.
6. Of note, regarding PES, service animals are allowed to stay with their owners. We will point this out at the next meeting of the Emergency Shelter.
7. Next meeting 12/21/17.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Brec
Clerk pro tempore