

Animal Welfare Committee June 19, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 3:30. Present were Alex Tyszka, Steve Milkewicz, MacDonald, Nagle, and Murphy. Also in attendance were Ruthann Cowing, Animal Control Officer and Health Inspector, Brian Carlson.

Discussion re: Police Chief's recommendation that there be a central evacuation center in Eastham rather than each town having its' own. Concern was raised about ability of the people needing the shelter most not being able to get to Eastham in an emergency. AWC would like the BOS to expand usage of the Rec Center. Nagle will contact school superintendent to see if policy has changed re: usage of the school building for emergency pet sheltering.

Milkewicz moved, MacDonald seconded that the AWC not accept a regionalized shelter and support a local based pet emergency shelter. Unanimously approved.

AWC will present an article at the fall town meeting, "Animals left unattended in motor vehicles" which would allow ACO Cowing or other police officer to have more power to enforce rather than having to go to District Court. Milkewicz moved, Murphy seconded, unanimously approved with the change of "Dogs left unattended" be changed to "Animals left..."

AWC will also present an article "Unlawful Restraint of Dogs" which also gives the ACO or other police officer more authority. This generally deals with chaining (tethering) dogs for periods of over 3 hours. Milkewicz moved, MacDonald seconded. Unanimously approved with the deletion of the second line of # 7.