

Animal Welfare Committee

Thursday, October 21, 2010

1. Called to order at 3:30 at Grace Gouveia Building. In attendance were Nagle, MacDonald, Murphy, Tyszka.
2. Approved minutes of September 23, 2010 meeting.
3. Update regarding pet emergency shelter, second VMES site visit with Diane Brown-Couture, Southeast Emergency Preparedness Coordinator of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
4. Town approved the application for the Thomas McGowan Animal Fund Grant for signage regarding the dangers of leaving animals in hot cars.
5. This Committee recommends that each fire truck be equipped with a set of oxygen masks for pets. There is currently only one set available among all trucks.
6. Regarding Senator Jehlen's bill about animal control laws and the bill's language about the "holding period" for animals: Carol MacDonald of the Animal Welfare Committee will research what the "holding period" actually means. If the holding period is acceptable, the Animal Welfare Committee will send a letter to Rep. Sarah Peake, asking her to contact House Speaker Sal Del Deo in regard to changing the bill.
7. Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Animal Welfare Committee