

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting May 14, 2015, 12-00pm, COA at VMCC

Attending were MacDonald, Brec, Jutsum. Excused, Brooke, O'Neil and Murphy.
RuthAnne Cowing, ACO
Peter Brown, Banner Reporter
Public: Mel Dwyer, Marsha Sirota

There were no public comments

1. The addended minutes of 4/16/15 were approved.
2. Jeffrey did PSA's regarding seals on the beach, and foxes in the trash. RuthAnne gave him more information, and he will update his PSA's and send to Elizabeth.
3. Sherry and Carol had drafted a letter that was sent to Morgan Clark, Health Inspector, specifically asking if an Animal Inspector had been chosen pursuant to MGL. The resultant action of the letter is that AWC has been put on the agenda at the Board of Health's next meeting, 5/21/15, 4pm, Judge Welsh Conference Room.

In addition, Sherry met with Morgan to discuss communication between the Health Department and AWC. Any questions that come up during an AWC meeting that need to be addressed by the Health Department, Sherry will disseminate to Morgan. Also at this meeting, it was suggested that perhaps a member of the AWC would like to take on the role of Animal Inspector. To be discussed at Board of Health meeting.

4. Sherry had been tasked with finding out if there is a monthly police report pertaining to all calls related to animals in Town. She contacted RuthAnne, who stated there is a log on the PD's website. Peter also stated that the Acting Chief of Police gives an overview monthly at the Board of Selectman's meeting.
5. RuthAnne stated that the Bark Park was status quo.
6. The Doggie Dining postcards were available for review.
7. Discussion ensued about pictures being taken of baby foxes and posted, which seems to encourage the general public to come out for a look.
8. Next meeting 6/18/15.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Brec
Clerk pro tempore