

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting November 17, 2016, 12-00pm, COA/VMCC, 2
Mayflower Street, Provincetown, MA

Attending were Brec, Brooke, MacDonald, Murphy. Excused, Jutsum

Public: Marsha Sirota, Christopher Brooke

No public comments

1. The minutes of 9/15/16 were approved.
2. It was mentioned that an article in the Banner stated that the Stable Path development was up and running, and that as many trees as possible were not cut down.
3. Discussed the potential closure of the Cape Wildlife Center. HSUS pulled its' funding of the Center. Elizabeth stated there was a respite as the Pegasus Foundation had stepped in and donated monies to keep the Center open until the end of February 2017. A steering committee has been formed to pursue partnering with an umbrella corporation to take over the Center. Also, The Friends of Cape Wildlife Center has been formed. This will be an ongoing endeavor. Elizabeth will be trying to get Town Captains to represent each Town on the Cape to help with this volunteer effort. Carol said she would represent Provincetown.
4. Joint meeting with the BOS on November 28, 2016. Was brought up if hunting was allowed on Town land. Barbara said she would check with the Town (she later informed us that hunting was not permitted on Town land). Also, we will be discussing with the BOS about banning the use of rodenticides and herbicides that are harmful to the environment. Will also be bringing up to the BOS that we would like some type of representative from the Town at our meetings. In addition, need to address some type of run through regarding the Emergency Shelter; we are concerned about the Pet component.
5. Via a verbal discussion prior to the meeting with Jeff, Sherry stated he had spoken to Mary Jo Avellar regarding the diminished wildlife in the seashore. She stated that prey had been born and fledged early, so the larger predators moved to another habitat.
6. We have an open alternate position on the Committee that we need to have filled.
7. Next meeting schedule for 12/15/16

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Brec
Clerk pro tempore