

Animal Welfare Committee meeting January 19, 2012 at Grace Goveia Building

Meeting called to order at 3:30

Present were: Carol MacDonald, Barbara Murphy, Sherry Brec. Candace Nagle was excused

Brec moved to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2011 meeting. Murphy seconded. Approved 3-0

Brec reported on her conversation with Gerard Irmer of the Harbor Committee re: Beach Rake. They are waiting for Cons Com approval which is contingent on the Harbor Committee, which has no budget, hiring a "Beach Monitor". If that happens, there will be a three year trial starting in May, 2012. The beach will be raked, (alternate weeks), from Johnson Street to McMillan Pier and from Cabral's Wharf to Marine Specialties above the tide line.

The Animal Welfare Committee believes that this is not the main area of concern for glass on the beach. Opinion is that the worst area is from Pied Bar to Boatslip due to bottles falling from the railing and not being picked up in a timely fashion then breaking up with the incoming tide.

AWC discussed that we we have been provided no information if there is a weather emergency this winter for pet emergency shelter. The people shelter would be Eastham at Nauset Regional High School (no pets allowed). The nearest shelter accepting pets would be Harwich at CC Regional Technical High School. Discussion as to alternate sites arrived at no suitable conclusion. AWC thinks that the town should make this information public.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Next meeting is Thursday March 1, at 3:30 at Grace Goveia Building.

Respectfully submitted
Carol MacDonald