

Animal Control Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017

I. Call to order

Maribeth called to order the regular meeting of the Animal Control Commission at 6:28 PM on July 17, 2017 at Thayer Memorial Library, Trustees' Room

II. Members/Attendees Present

The following members were present: Phil Eugene, Maribeth Eugene, Phyllis Tower, Joyce Moody, Bob Foney, Adrienne Gadoua. Kelly Quill joined the meeting at 6:40 PM

Also Present: Brian Napolitano, Kara Turin, Katherine and Joe Farragher, Liz Ianza

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from July 17, 2017 were approved.

IV. Briggs Complaint

Phyllis described actions taken regarding the call made and listed in her report regarding the barking complaints. A fence was completed on 8/5 or 8/6 but dog broke loose from a chain, not fenced in, on 9/4. Farraghers, Mr. Napolitano and Ms. Turin elaborated on this incident. Phil suggested a letter be written and Phyllis wanted it to include a hearing date which was approved by the group.

V. Dogs:

Dogs:

volunteer humane loose dogs on their property, spoke with VCA Lancaster Animal Hospital
(7/31) dog barking on Whitcomb officer (538) spoke with dog owners (7:50 pm)
2 dogs found near George Hill Orchards, owner picked them up
Loose dog near George Hill Orchards, no further calls
owner of dog lost from Leominster a month ago had a report of a sighting in Lancaster; dog not found
(8/4) dog barking on Whitcomb officer (532) found dog barking at window no one home (10:58 pm)
officer spoke with another neighbor who stated dog had been barking most of the night
2 loose dogs, Husky and a brn/blk dog running on White Pond, no match on license list; may be from Leominster
found dog on Parker, returned to owner on Sterling Rd, roommate let her out while he was at work
owner reports her 2 dogs missing, dogs found Langen and George Hill; live on Heritage Lane
dog loose on Brockelman, made several calls using the license list, owner not found, no more calls
2 loose small Chihuahuas running on Parker, officer returned to Charlotte St while I was en route; on unlicensed list
(8-27) barking dog on Whitcomb officer responded (531)
found Westie on 70, returned to new resident of Lancaster and advise transfer of license
concern for neighbors dog on Narrow, visited residence, no issues found, licensing advised
loose black dog High St ext/Blue Heron
barking dogs on Harvard Rd, called two times
dog with pan stuck on head, officer handled, I was not called
officer followed loose dog Mill St Ext, Bolton Station, Old Common, stopped traffic at '5 corners', continued to follow onto Centerbridge where he was caught and returned to owner on High St Ext
dog broke electric fence due to Devens blasting, returned to owner
2 found dogs on Paine, returned to Clinton resident

Cats:

dead cat Mill St, no microchip, no owner found

Livestock:

rooster found corner of High St Ext and Mill St Ext
same rooster found on High St Ext

Wildlife:

snake in a home, options given
dead skunk on private property, advice given
opossum clime up into a car, options given, ended up going to property, opossum had climbed out

Because we had to adjourn at 8 PM, the rest of the list wasn't reviewed.

VII. Next Meeting Date, October 2, 6:00 PM at the Lancaster Community Center Meeting Room.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM