

Animal Control Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2016

I. Call to order

Maribeth called to order the regular meeting of the Animal Control Commission at 6:35 PM on June 6, 2016 at Lancaster Community Center, Public Meeting Room.

II. Members/Attendees Present

The following members were present: Phil Eugene, Maribeth Eugene, Phyllis Tower, Mary de Alderete, Jan Johnston, Joyce Moody, Kelly Quill arrived at 6:51 PM.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as edited.

IV. Elect new Chair of the Animal Control Commission

As some members were not able to be present at this meeting, it was unanimously voted to table the election until next meeting.

V. Updates from Phyllis Tower, ACO

As the Commission was unable to meet in prior months, Phyllis noted updates for March through June:

MARCH

Dogs:

Report two nights prior resident saw a small beige dog running in roadway
Black dog no collar walking around Mill St
Owners German Shepherd and black and white mix breed missing N Main
Loose yellow lab on Parker
Dog hit by car Kaleva, owner called this in, recommended putting up signs

Cats:

Missing cat Carter St
Cat hit by car, resident waiting for vet friend to arrive and transport to ER to Waltham.

Wildlife:

Skunk put down 310 Mill St, brought to pit next morning
Coyote wandering on Schumacher, gave number to Mass Wildlife and explained trying to find food.

APRIL

Dogs:

5:30 am barking dog over an hour officer woke up resident
Golden lab w/wh chest around Bob's Turkey farm, Dog was at its home Old Common/Bolton Station
Neck Rd wh Lab brn Boxer ran through electric fence, dogs returned home
Found golden colored Pit Bull Russell Ln, returned dog to Neck Rd
Lg dog from Hill Top been on Nicholas Dr messing on residents lawn, Owner was spoken to
Missing Puggle Blue Heron, later found
2 Pit Bulls attacked small dog Sterling Rd by book store, injured dog under bush won't come out
Pit Bulls were contained in Sunoco garage and returned to Ryan Beckner. 1st citation came back, was delivered 2nd time. Owner of dog has been contacted to ask if he wishes to file a complaint. His dog needed to be put down from injuries. If he does, a public hearing would need to be called to discuss whether dogs would be considered "vicious".
Gr Pit Bull N Main, called owner from Brockelman
Blk Lab loose and panting no collar seen Bolton Rd
Blk Lab loose on Parker, not found

Cats:

Missing cat Carter, later found
Cat with injured ears on Kilbourn, not found

Livestock:

Chickens on Carter

Wildlife:

Coyote on Rigby
Raccoon hit by car Hill Top upon officer's arrival. Went into woods
Sick raccoon rr tracks Mill St, not found
Sick raccoon Mill CT, officer put down, to pit next day
Sterling Rd hurt turkey to Tufts, later put down
Sick skunk High St Ext, was dead, bagged and put in residents trash can
Fox Fire Rd 10 for 4 days, appeared healthy

Quarantines:

10 day dog to dog X 2 (Beckner)

Hearing Request:

Beckner Pit Bulls

MAY – JUNE

Dogs:

Sm dog found on Sterling St brought to dentist to be put in a crate, bit tongue, went to VCA.
Owner of sm dog found on Sterling St was returned to owner on Sterling St
Officer to settle argument thin wh Spaniel found at Thayer field owner showed up won't return dog - followed up with owner on Packard following morning.
Brittany lost from Holiday Ln, second call 2 hrs later, not licensed.
Appeared to be a hit by car Saint Bernard Old Union/Fire Rd 4 officer didn't find

Boxer sitting in Rd on Sterling St returned to owner by officer
Brn dog w/fence collar on Settlers Path last seen on Mill St, no further calls.
Assist Clinton with dog running in and out of traffic Sterling St just over line, scared due to drilling in road.
Skinny brn dog 117/70, seen in yard.
Missing 5 mo Boxer/Shepherd Sterling St
Nicholas Dr lg loose dog, eventually caught and returned to Hill Top, Anatolian Shepherd.
Missing wh medium dog w/ pink collar Langen
Older lab with Bolton tags Fairview Hill, owner worked across on Mill was looking for dog
Lg Black Lab mix loose on Lee St
Tan Boxer running on Sterling St
Mom and three puppies George Hill
Missing Brittany from Centerbridge
Loose Anatolian Shepherd by DPW, not found 6:40 pm
Second call on dog still not found 8:00 pm
3 loose dogs George Hill, owner was out looking for them
Dog left out barking at night on Lee St
Nicholas Dr complaint, lg dog from Hill Top may have been in expensive fish pond last night
if happens again may request a hearing
Dogs from Heritage killing chickens on George Hill, owner notified
Loose Black Lab mix Lee St. 5:30 am

Cats:

Missing declawed blk, gr, wh cat Nicholas Dr
Missing blk shorthaired green eyed cat Plymouth Dr
Vehicle stopped on Neck, driver went between houses trying to steal a cat, also happened in Aug
(was same car)
Lg or cat, name tag Garfield attacked child, happened at the Drumlin property
Missing wh cat from Harkins St
Missing inside only cat Ponakin

Livestock:

Raccoon killed a chicken on Hill Top

Wildlife:

Wildlife camera photo of 2 (actually 3) bears on Neck 5-4
Sick coyote S Meadow
2 bears in a tree and possibly a third in area on Grant Way 5-9
Dead opossum George Hill, resident notified dispatch who will notify DPW
Dying skunk Bennet Ln, officer put down, to the pit
Blk bear Shirley Rd/Fort Pond 5-26
Wood chuck under deck on Silver St
Dog attacked baby turkey on Fitch, mother is protective
Shasta Dr resident how to dispose of dead skunk and chipmunks from an exterminator
Injured baby bunny, advised of Tufts number

Quarantines:

10 day cat to child

Questions:

9:34 pm caller's girlfriend is convinced she has rabies, gave number for epidemiology.

VI. Information Updates

- a) Phyllis offered the services of her husband, Richard, as he has identical training and skills, should she get backed up. Mary will investigate with Town personnel to see if this is a possibility.
- b) Options for the public hearing were discussed. It was agreed that one should be prepared for the next ACC meeting in July.
- c) A discussion of meeting time being moved to 6:00 PM was agreed to by members present. Erin will be contacted for comment.

VII. Unlicensed

- a) PT will look through the list to start making calls.

VIII. Other Business

- a) Next Meeting Date to take place Monday, July 11 at 6:00 PM, with Public Hearing at 6:15 PM

IX. Adjournment

Maribeth adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.