

Animal Control Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2016

I. Call to order

Maribeth called to order the regular meeting of the Animal Control Commission at 6:03 PM on November 14, 2016 at Lancaster Community Center, Staff Break Room.

II. Members/Attendees Present

The following members were present: Phil Eugene, Maribeth Eugene, Phyllis Tower, Mary de Alderete, Jan Johnson, Joyce Moody.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from October 3rd were approved.

IV. Update regarding Monika Gibbons compliance to Board Orders

Phyllis Tower stated that the electric fence seems to be working, but she still needs to have an appointment to have the situation checked out. She will contact Monika to see when a date might be forthcoming. The fine will also need to be paid by Ms. Gibbons.

V. Update regarding Ryan Beckner compliance regarding vicious dog complaint

Phyllis Tower will reach out to Mr. Beckner to double check that he has complied with the microchipping portion of the Board's orders.

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Dogs:

Dog bite to child – did not break the skin no quarantine, call came from Police Dept.
Small loose dog w/collar Main/Lunenburg Rds, no second call
5 dogs running loose on George Hill Orchards
Nicholas Dr complaint large yellow lab bothered her while walking her dog
(Gibbons, prior to dog fence)
Neighbors dog on Beach Point is harassing her cat
5 dogs loose on George Hill
Loose blk dog on N Main, seen again the following day on Harvard where it was caught
Barking dog complaint on Brockelman
Missing blind mini dachshund on Brockelman

Lost 2 pitbulls from Fitchburg
Complaint of dog care on Sterling St (left tag, no response)
Loose Pitbull seen on Bolton Rd – next day caught on Whitcomb Rd (Ahimsa took)
Missing female Chihuahua from Leominster
Loose Boxer Sterling Rd/S Main
Pit mix running in and out of a yard on Neck
Loose blk dog Turner Woods off Kaleva
Blk/wh dog high s text/Mill loose
3 loose dogs on Cleverly Cove returned the next day
Loose Golden Retriever Mill St Ext
Missing dog Heritage Ln (came back)

Cats:

Found blk/wh cat Sterling Rd – just looking to see if anyone lost
Blk/wh cat been hanging around Lunenburg on the line for a month

Livestock:

Loose horse on Neck Rd
2 loose horses N Main
Loose horse maybe on Brockelman (police log only)

Wildlife:

Coyote complaint on Rigby (appeared fine)
Coyote complaint on Neck Rd
Injured bird N Main advise given (taken to Tufts)
Coyote complaint Packard Rd
Coyote complaint Neck Rd
Coyote complaint Stage coach
Coyote complaint Fire Rd 8
Owl hit by car N Main – resident moved away from road

Quarantines:

10 day Main St dog bit to person

Discussion

- Mary stated that Phyllis had been approved as the Animal Disposal Agent, updated her truck in order to handle this new job.
- Court List
There are only six remaining names on the list, and Phyllis will call the remainders, while Kelley will check with one owner.

VI. Discussion regarding new board members

- Maribeth Eugene asked if an “ad” could be placed with SCTV in order to get new members.
- Phyllis mentioned that Erin might be able to come “back” if the meeting was changed to the second Monday of the month. Mary will check in with her to see

if she would be amenable to this, and also check in with the Community Center to see if a room would be available.

VII. Other Business

- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 5th, at 6:00 pm.
- Maribeth offered thanks to Jan Johnson for her twelve years of support and effort to the Board, and her congratulations to her as she retires from the Commission.

VIII. Adjournment

- Maribeth Eugene made a motion at 6:48 pm to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Phil Eugene. Meeting adjourned.