Animal Control Commission Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2018

I. Call to order

Maribeth Eugene called to order the regular meeting of the Animal Control Commission at 6:04 PM on January 8, 2018 in the Thayer Memorial Library, Dexter Room.

II. Members/Attendees Present

The following members were present: Phil Eugene, Maribeth Eugene, Phyllis Tower, Mary de Alderete, Joyce Moody, Adrienne Gadoua, and Robert Phoney.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from November 13, 2017 were approved.

IV.Discussion regarding formal warning form

The Commission agreed that a signature line for the owner should be added to the form and a place to note if the owner refuses to sign.

V.Dogs

Dog from Clinton on South Meadow. Stray dog on Parker – no second call Dog in Road on Neck (from Parker), officer sent, negative find Two calls for barking dogs on Harvard and Burbank, unknown owner Dog missing from Mill Street, no further calls Dog at baseball field on Mill Street, housekeeper accidently let out Two loose dogs Farnsworth Way, no match in dog database Barking dog Whitcomb Drive, Phyllis will remind Kate to take video or call immediately when it happens. Sterling Street, dogs left tied outside, barking. Officer spoke with resident. Lost Spaniel from Centerbridge – seen on Neck, contained on Whitcomb Drive. Owner was driving around looking for him, finally found. Lost Rottweiler from Langen Road - no further calls. Lost dogs from Magnolia. Notified Clinton and Sterling. Dog found in yard in a.m. Small black and white dog on Mill Street – no further calls. Lost 110 pound dog on George Hill at 2 AM, found barking at neighbors next day, had cut paws from snow and ice. Lost Peekapoo Holiday Lane, later found at neighbors, brought inside. Loose black dog Mill and High Streets, in log – no further calls.

Cats:

Missing large black cat from 401 S. Main Two Persian type cats lost at the Perkins School Lost 20 pound orange cat from Mt. Laurel, several calls, not found Lost gray cat 1130 Main, returned home following day. Stray cat at Blue Heron, PT went to home and found tracks only.

Wildlife:

Fire Road 10, dead beaver in road was actually on private property. Officer confirmed that it wasn't a road hazard and owner of home should dispose of.

Deer at beach with broken leg was put down by officer. PT asked to remove, but then call was cancelled.

A hit owl on Hill Top, PT gave advice to approach with shirt, owl immediately flew away.

Possible sick raccoon on Oetman, PT spoke to them and explained that it wasn't necessarily rabid, but could be looking for food

Possible sick coyote on Packard. No further calls.

Nicholas Drive - coyotes reported on two different days. Just "fyi" calls.

Other:

2017 Animal Inspections done for 74 homes, including chickens. PT has given suggestions to owners to add netting over coops to avoid hawks.

PT mentioned that she will be sending the few leftover late dog owners to court for further processing.

Quarantines:

10 day dog to dog – was caused by rough play

10 day dog to human – owner was playing with dog

PT mentioned that she was receiving notice of rabies information a little late from the vets.

VI. Next Meeting

Due to the slower volume during the winter, it was agreed that there would not be a February ACC meeting. The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 12th at 6:00 PM in the Thayer Memorial Library.

A motion was made by Ms. Moody, seconded by Phil Eugene, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm. The motion was passed.