Animal Control Commission Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018

I. Call to order

Maribeth Eugene called to order the regular meeting of the Animal Control Commission at 6:01 PM on March 14, 2018 in the Thayer Memorial Library, Trustees Room.

II. Members/Attendees Present

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

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from January 8, 2018 were approved.

IV. Discussion regarding upcoming rabies clinic and outstanding dogs

It was noted that the Rabies Clinic for the Town would take place on Saturday, March 31st from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the DPW Highway barn.

The list of outstanding dogs awaiting licenses was reviewed and some changes were noted.

V. Discussion regarding possible court filings

PT will file the three (3) outstanding dogs from 2017 to the Court. They will, in turn, notify the Clerk's Office.

VI. Annual Livestock Count Results and Further Animal Information

Barn Inspection Results were as follows:

- 99 Cattle
- 48 Goats
- 18 Sheep
- 15 Swine
- 1 Llama/alpaca
- 109 Equines
- 987 Poultry (includes Bob's Turkey Farm)
- 14 Rabbits

A short discussion regarding how the reporting is mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (for census of animals, disease control, and appropriate housing of animals) and Annual Town Report was held.

Dogs:

Bite on Neck Rd to a jogger

Missing golden lab on Goss Ln

Found Golden Retriever on Shannon Way

Missing Yellow Lab from 2 Stonebridge Circle in Clinton

Found Yellow Lab on S. Meadow Rd.

Yellow Lab missing from 2 Stonebridge Circle in Clinton Yellow Lab found Plymouth Drive Two medium size dogs near St. John's Cemetery Black lab in traffic Mill Street Ext Found Husky at Lancaster Auto Service White/brindle pit bull in area of N. Main St.

Loose lab near Atlantic Union College

Found dog on S. Main St. returned to owner by finder Small tan dog loose by the Trolley Stop Brown dog near Atlantic Union College Two loose dogs on Harvard Road Found Golden Retriever on Beach Rd belonged to 2 Stonebridge Circle in Clinton upon call back owner had picked him up

Cats:

Cat killed by car Mill Street/High Street Found cat on Mill Street extension

Wildlife:

Trapped a possum in chicken coop on Parker Rd

Possible rabid raccoon Sousa Baranowski Correctional Center

Possible rabid raccoon Mill Street

Hawk hit by truck Route 2 West pulled into south post, transported to Tufts Wildlife Clinic, died due to poisoning.

VII. Next Meeting

After discussion, a unanimous vote was taken to skip the April meeting. The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 14th at 6:00 PM in the Thayer Memorial Library. As it is also the date of the Annual Town Election, a member of the Commission will take meeting minutes

VIII. Further Discussion

Mr. Eugene asked for clarification on the Board of Selectmen ordinance regarding dogs in public buildings. He noted that he did not see signage on the Prescott Building notifying residents. He stated that he would reach out to the BOS and inquire as to the current status of this.

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