

Animal Control Commission Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2018

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05.

II. Members/Attendees Present

The following members were present: Phil Eugene, Maribeth Eugene, Phyllis Tower, Joyce Moody, Robert Foney, and Adrienne Gadoua.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

May 14 minutes were approved.

IV. Animal Control Officer Receipt Process

Discussion of Animal Control Officer receipt reimbursement process and particulars. At issue was non-reimbursement of some expenses incurred by Phyllis Tower in discharging her duties as Lancaster Animal Control Officer. After discussion, she was instructed by ACB members to meet directly with Orlando regarding her situation.

V. Animal Report

Dogs

loose dog. Dalmation. High St Ext/Mill. Dog is well-known Pointer in neighborhood that always returns home after roaming.

loose dog. Blk Lab. 314 Brockelman.

found dog. G/S. 157 Brockelman. owner arrived while I was there. Dog is unlicensed; advised to license. This week advised Diane dog wasn't licensed returned to 29 Mt Laurel Ln landlord stated they moved out.

Diane notified resident put loose Sheepdog in house at 85 Centerbridge

Met officer on scene for loose and unlicensed dog. Concern owner isn't answering door.

loose dog 123 Fire Rd 12. Found loose. Future day found owner from Leominster. Advised of rules that dog cannot run loose.

Officer checked on in car at soccer field all OK.

loose pit growling at residence and worker 256 Bolton Road. Concern for young child who is afraid of dogs. Second call: dog's residence found, 212 Bolton Rd.

posted 29 Mt Laurel and 212 Bolton Rd for call backs

212 Bolton Rd called about the earlier posting

256 Bolton Rd: was a follow-up from the previous call on the loose dog.

239 Sterling Rd loose blonde midsize greyhound mix collar/tags running towards Sylvan/Main

123 Fire Rd 12 loose white terrier 'Stella'. Found the dog and the owner from Leominster who was visiting family adv of the rules

35 Ivy Ct: noticed dog in their yard several times at 2, 3 and 4 AM on camera. giving to TC. Spoke to owner's mother who would speak to Tina

353 Schumacher husky at Schumacher has charged him several times. Most recently at his motorcycled dog lives at 141 Schumacher.

Complaint of barking dogs 496 Harvard Road. Msg left for the owners. Officer found no barking.

9 Holiday Ln. brown dog in yard growled when she approached it, now gone

Officer McNally: Kimball Farm dog in car windows down and in the shade. All good.

call from Officer Shaw. Information about an eviction and a dog who needs to be placed

Cats

resident wants to talk to ACO in regards to a previous cat bite. Meditation Ln (AI)

dead kitten 237 Brockelman. Left message for resident. Picked up. No chip.

advised resident 620 Main holding blk/wh stray cat from Lunenburg Rd

stray cat bite to two children 117 fire rd 11 (AI)

Wildlife

foxes living under porch at 96 Settlers Path. Advice given.

birds in ceiling Mary Rowlandson school. Advice given.

dead rabbit in road, not a road hazard so I will not be picking it up Animal Disposal Agent

dead deer on Lunenburg Rd. Animal Disposal Agent called.

officer removed snapping turtle from Lunenburg Rd

officer Gadoua and I caught 2 day old wood ducklings left behind no mother. Phyllis nursing them.

complaint of rats in the area, left a message with suggestions

hawk possibly hit by car. Sterling/George Hill, caller will be taking bird to Tufts.

dead raccoon 117 at Fairgrounds (animal disposal agent)

Livestock

Bob's turkey farm called with a concern that there was a violation of a bylaw. Chickens are not to be kept within certain radius of a turkey farm as chickens could carry and pass on diseases that could easily spread and kill turkeys on a large scale. Chickens were seen in the road near Bob's farm. Officer determined there were chickens at 204 Bolton Station Road. Contacted the TC for the bylaw information and contact the assessors' office for a map that shows the area around the turkey farm. That address is in violation of the bylaws. Drove past the house nobody home will try again.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held September 10 at 6PM.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made and seconded at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Foney