

Animal Control Commission Meeting Minutes

Feb. 4, 2019

I. Call to order The meeting was called to order at 5:55.

II. Members/Attendees Present

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

Visitor: Walter O'Claire

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

11/26/18 minutes were approved.

IV. Animal Disposal

Walter had removed dead raccoons and a turkey and wanted to know why the town wasn't doing it. We explained that the DPW was no longer required to do it and that Phyllis was willing but the town wouldn't pay her. She must pick up a dead dog or cat and will only pick up another dead animal if the police declare it a road hazard and inform her.

This practice varies from town to town.

The ACC suggested he file a complaint with the BOS.

V. Unlicensed Dogs Update

The ACC would like a status report for unlicensed dogs from 2018 with late fees from the town clerk. The ACC also needs a 2019 list of unlicensed dogs for checking and tracking. Phyllis will follow up.

VI. Animal Control Officer's Report

DOGS

Phyllis met with Linda Wetherbee. According to animal control by-laws, the dog does not break any law. Linda provided Phyllis with her cell phone # to give to the two complainants. If they are going to walk their dogs, they can call Linda and she will assure her dog is inside when they walk by. Phyllis called both complaining parties and left voicemails with the phone number. They hadn't responded as of the meeting. To close out the issue, Phyllis will mail both and "incident report" so that they have the information in writing.

Two dogs from Heritage Lane were loose on Main St. Since the dogs have been loose before, Phyllis issues two \$50 citations.

A pit bull puppy owned by Ryan Beckner was loose at the S. Lancaster Post Office. Since Ryan has had problem dogs in the past, Phyllis is issuing a written warning for the safety of the dog.

Phyllis issued a \$50 citation to the owner of a Doberman from Sterling found on Cole Farm Rd.

VII. Next Meeting

Meeting will now be April 1, 2019 at 6PM, at the Thayer Library

Motion to adjourn meeting was made and seconded at 6:59 PM.