

Minutes
Milford Animal Shelter Commission
April 7, 2008
664 East Broadway, Milford Ct. 06460

Members present
Stella Donenfeld, Chairman
Jan Diamond
Sarah Nierenberg
Marilyn Blake

Also present
Pat Liptak, Director
Laurie Cooper

Meeting brought to order at 12:10

Disposition of minutes: Motion made by Commissioner Nierenberg seconded by Commissioner Diamond to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Warden's report: Motion to accept warden's report made by Commissioner Blake seconded by Commissioner Diamond. Motion carried

Department Report: Pat and Laurie ordered tile for the cat room. Pat will have Janet fax Carolyn the invoice so she can cut a check to Tile by the Mile, when the Shelter receives the check then they will go and pay for the tile and pick it up. Public Works is going to install it.

BB Gallo, one of the shelter volunteers is designing flower beds for the front of the building, to enhance our curb appeal. The gardens will be designed to take into account our natural terrain and she will use plants that are natural and conducive to the shoreline where the Shelter is situated.

Janet will order wood chips for the pens from Grillos.

The donation fund has been set up. Commissioner Diamond will keep track of the donations as well as the Shelter. Commissioner Diamond will also send out thank you notes to the donors.

Pat is looking into forming a partnership with Pet-Co. This is one of their many community oriented programs.

Correspondence: Pat handed out an informational flyer on the "Puppy Mill" issue. Commissioner Diamond asked how we could get our legislature to pass a bill that will not allow pet shops in Ct. to sell puppies. Pat explained that Animal rights groups have been trying to do that for years, she is not sure why it has been constantly stone walled. It was suggested that Commissioner Diamond contact our State Legislator and question this.

Commission Report: Commissioner Leuctner is in Milford Hospital recovering from surgery.

Old Business:

- a. Volunteer update: Laurie reported that one of our volunteers, Dee is chairing pennies for pups drive through the school system. Pat e-mailed Dr. Polansky explaining the project and he was very receptive and put Dee in contact with the person that she would have to coordinate with. Pat received an e-mail from Crystal Coryea from Foran High advising her that she was organizing a penny war at the school. Commissioner Nierenberg suggested that we put a "Pennies for Pups" jar at the Shelter as well. Pat said she would put one up.
- b. Feral Cat Program: Pat reported that they had used all of the money in their budget allocated for feral cats, and that Pound Pooches was now paying for altering them. She stated that this has been an awful year for cats. The colony at Caswell Cove has been under control for several years now they are finding new cats being dumped off there. Some have been pregnant. Pat stated that the other colonies are having the same problem to a lesser degree. Possibly the economy has something to do with it. People can't afford to keep their animals anymore.
- c. Building fund: Pat reported that shortly after the commissions last meeting she received an e-mail from Carolyn Williams asking if she wanted her to continue to hold the Building Fund money or give it to the city so that it was all together. Pat answered that the commission felt it should all be together in the city account. She told Carolyn to send a check to the shelter made out to Milford Animal Control Building Fund and she would see that it was deposited in the proper account. That was a month ago and the Shelter still hasn't received a check. Pat said she resent the e-mail last week but has heard nothing as of yet. She will try again.

New Business:

Rabies Clinic: this year it will be held on May 17, from 9-11 am. Pat has reserved West Shore Rec. again. She stated that we have plenty of volunteers for the event. Rick will make up posters this week and they will begin to contact the media. Chairman Donnenfeld asked that this year we please give Dr. Weill a thank you gift as we did in the past. Motion made by Chairman Nierenberg and seconded by Chairman Blake to have Pat purchase a gift for Dr. Weill out of the proceeds from the clinic.

Shelter Census: It has been very low but now is beginning to pick up.

Motion to adjourn Chairman Diamond seconded by Commissioner Nierenberg
Meeting adjourned at 13:40 hours.

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