

Minutes
Milford Animal Shelter Commission
May 13, 2008
664 East Broadway, Milford Ct. 06460

Members present
Stella Donenfeld, Chairman
Jan Diamond
Sarah Nierenberg
Ed Leuchtner

Also present
Pat Liptak, Director
Laurie Cooper

Peter Spaltoff

Meeting brought to order at 12:05.

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

Warden's report: None

Department Report: Bebe Gallo one of our Shelter volunteers who owns Gardens by Design of CT submitted an estimate for the flowers to be planted in the amount of \$387.70 , to give the shelter more curb appeal. These will be low maintenance Perennial beds, and also flowers and greenery for the window boxes. The rotting wood from the old raised beds will be removed and these will be mounded beds with plants more conducive with this sea side environment along with the plants we already have. Volunteers will help move the soil to the area and plant the plants. A motion was made by Commissioner Leuchtner seconded by Commissioner Diamond to pay for the flowers out of the Shelters Fund 76. Motion carried.

Commissioner Diamond is keeping track of the Finances. She obtains copies of the checks that donators send in and posts them and sends thank-you's to the donators. She is doing a wonderful job. Commissioner Diamond designed the thank-you cards herself.

Correspondence: Laurie received a thank-you note from Christa Coryea one of the volunteers thanking her for nominating her for the Good Samaritan Award for Foran High School. Christa is our High School Volunteer in charge of the Penny War Fund Raiser. Joelle sent a copy of a letter she wrote to the newspaper it is attached to these minutes.

Carolyn Williams Pound Pooches President sent an e-mail to Pat asking what she wanted to do with the Building Fund Money. Pat replied stating that the money should all be in one place and to make out a check to Milford Animal Control Building Fund and she would deposit it in the proper account. Pat sent a second e-mail to Carolyn to request this. Carolyn replied that she had misspoke and moving our Building fund money had to

be voted on by the Pound Pooches board. They voted not to send us our money but to put it in a CD instead. Pound Pooches had also committed to buying tile for the cat room. When Pat requested the money she was told that they voted to take the money out of our building fund. Pat has a meeting next week with the City Attorney. A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond seconded by Commissioner Nirenberg that Chairman Donenfeld accompany Pat to this meeting. Motion carried.

Pat submitted copies of the e-mails between Carolyn and herself.

Stella received a letter from Lore Higgins that she sent to Attorney General Blumenthal reiterating the letter she had sent to the Editor of the Milford Weekly Newspaper. Volunteers are writing to the Editor to express their views of the article written by Lore Higgins.

Commission Report: Commissioner Leuchtner has returned after being hospitalized for a while.

Old Business:

- a. Volunteer update: Laurie reported that quite a few new volunteers have signed up. Also the volunteers are helping to maintain the food shed, will be planting flowers, and are helping with the bottle drive.
- b. Feral Cat Program: Pat reported that there is a ton of feral cats this year. Lots of females having babies. Dr. Rumble from Pond Point Animal Hospital has agreed to take part in the Feral Cat Program.
- c. Rabies Clinic: The clinic will be held on May 17 at West Shore Rec. from 9-11am. Volunteers along with Dr. Stan Weill, and Officer's Rick George and Pat Liptak will be manning the clinic.
- d. Financial Report: Carolyn sent a copy of the Pound pooches financial report. Pat wanted it noted that bills sent to be paid from Snowflake Center had outstanding balances dating back to July 2007. The Vets. Have been calling Pat and saying that PP is only paying for approximately ½ of the bill and they are being told to re-submit the bill to the shelter. Dr. Weill also stated that they refused to pay for the goats. Pat sent a letter to Carolyn stating that the goats would be taken off of the bill. She asked Carolyn to submit payment for the adjusted total in the amount of \$536.00 as this was for s/n of shelter dogs and this is what the money donated is for. Pat has received no response from Carolyn.

New Business:

- a. Pat will hand out copies of the Best Friend's article about feral cats and the Trap, Neuter, and Release Program.
- b. Personnel: Chairmain Donenfeld would like to have the Commission write a letter to the Mayor requesting that Officer George take over Pat's position as Director of Milford Animal Control upon her retirement. A motion was made

by Commissioner Diamond seconded by Commissioner Leuchtner to compose such a letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Nierenberg seconded by Commissioner Diamond.

Meeting Adjourned at 13:40 hours.

Next Meeting June 10, 2007

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Cooper