

Minutes of Animal Control Facility Study Ad Hoc Committee

Call to Order:

The Animal Control Facility Study Ad Hoc Committee held its weekly meeting at the Waterford Town Hall on **August 22, 2011** at 5:35 p.m. Co-chairperson Margaret Ormond called the meeting to order.

In attendance were:

Margaret Ormond
Yvette Savoy
Robin Perkiins
Toni Bingham
Lt. Jeffrey Nixon
Diane Amburn
Michael Glidden

Absent members:

Lee Carpenter (alternate)

Guests:

First Selectman Dan Steward
Paul Petrone (The Patch, Waterford)
Stephen Chupaska (The Day)

Approval of Minutes:

T. Bingham motioned to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 15, 2011. R. Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The new animal control facility building fund is \$12,083.98. The committee anticipates additional funds contributed to the fund from fundraising activities at Pupstravaganza on August 13 and additional fundraising.

New Business:

A. Discussion with First Selectman:

Addressing his comments to The Patch that a new animal shelter would not be funded for at least 4 years, First Selectman Dan Steward shared the following with the committee:

- The town is at its maximum debt load due to the \$100 million dollar approved plan for school renovations and it will require 4 years to bond, after which the town can borrow more money
- There is room for new projects within the capital process prior to 2015
- The Town of Waterford can help progress the new shelter if a) a site plan/feasibility of location and b) cost for an exact plan are provided
- First Selectman Paul Formica is open to discussing East Lyme's contribution to the project once a cost for the project is presented
- Once cost is determined, fundraising requirements can be determined
- By the end of September, he wants M. Glidden (Planning and Zoning) to complete site analysis and Lt. J. Nixon (animal control supervisor) to complete state specifications for the plan so that the bid process may be initiated
- He thinks that the committee is on the right track
- He does want a new pound and wants the "next headline" to read: *"We're working on it."*

B. Kate Rotella, Purchasing Agent to Come to the 9/12 Meeting:

Due to a meeting conflict, Lt. J. Nixon will reschedule a date for Kate Rotella to attend a committee meeting.

C. Preparation for Comcast Cable Taping on Thurs 8/25:

Committee decided to postpone Comcast taping to a later date to be determined.

Old Business:

A. Fundraising Flyer:

R. Perkins suggested that a “donation slip” be added to the fundraising flyer which requests name and donation amount. Y. Savoy will work on a draft with this included. Committee can then decide whether the donation slip adds any value, at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM was made by R. Perkins and was seconded by D. Amburn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvette Savoy
Secretary

