

Minutes of Animal Control Facility Study Ad Hoc Committee

1. Call to Order:

The Animal Control Facility Study Ad Hoc Committee held their meeting at the Waterford Town Hall on **March 23, 2015** at 5:30 PM. Co-Chairperson Yvette Savoy called the meeting to order.

In attendance were:

Yvette Savoy
Robin Perkins
Lt. Brett Mahoney
ACO Robert Yuchniuk

Absent Members:

Also in attendance were Finance Director, Marianna Stevenson and members of the public.

2. Public Comment:

Joyce Meehan of Goshen Road, Waterford, asked for clarification on a document entitled "FY2016 Projects in the FY2015 Plan and Status in FY2016 Plan" which included a line item stating that \$1,345,000 for animal control shelter-construction, funded by debt financing, was dropped from funding. Finance Director Marianna Stevenson offered to look into this. Lt. Brett Mahoney will also look into this and budgeting for a study/architectural budget, which was for \$35,000. Another point was concerning an expired agreement between Waterford and East Lyme for Animal Control and the question of whether an East Lyme resident should be on this committee with this lack of legal agreement. Finally, in light of the proposed regionalization that would have 3 towns coming together, may a Montville resident be on the board? The committee will contact the First Selectman for information on these inquiries.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Robin Perkins motioned to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015. Lt. Brett Mahoney seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Co-Chairperson Yvette Savoy reported that the new ACF building fund balance is \$195,999.06 as of February 28, 2015. On March 3, 2015, a deposit of \$1,154.18 for the new ACF building fund was brought to the Waterford Finance Department by ACO Robert Yuchniuk.

5. Old Business:

A. Fundraising Updates:

The Waterford Rotary fundraising event for the new ACF fund will be coordinated by Manly Church and Toni Bingham. It will include a wine tasting venue in Waterford, most likely be held in June, with tickets costing \$50. More details will follow.

B. Progress on Assessment of Proposed New ACF Sites:

See "New Business" C and ACO Robert Yuchniuk will report back on potential East Lyme sites identified from a map to be provided by East Lyme Planning and Zoning.

C. Membership Status:

Still on hold pending East Lyme member appointments.

D. Letter of Thanks to Melissa Yuchniuk:

First Selectman Dan Steward emailed a letter of thanks to Melissa Yuchniuk for her service as Head of Fundraising and Secretary of this committee.

6. New Business:

A. Guest Speaker from York Correctional Institution:

Beverly Murphy, a nurse employed at York Correctional Institution spoke highly of the Red Dog Project that matches prisoners with dogs from shelters. The dogs benefit from socialization and some training and are better prepared for adoption. The program is successful placing dogs in forever homes and benefits the inmates as well. The public can't visit York without passing through security gates, but this would not be the case with a proposed shelter at Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Facility, since the proposed new ACF building site would be in front of the security gate.

B. First Selectman Letter:

A letter addressing the positives and negatives for each of several new ACF sites proposed by ACO Robert Yuckniuk, was emailed to the committee by First Selectman Dan Steward. It is to be submitted to the Waterford Planning and Zoning Commission.

C. Planning and Zoning Meeting:

Yvette Savoy noted that a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will follow our meeting and the First Selectman's letter will be submitted at that time. Since Planning and Zoning Director Dennis Goderre will not be attending due to illness, it is unlikely that there will be any discussion about the letter and the proposed new ACF sites.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Robin Perkins at 5:49 PM. The motion was seconded by Lt. Brett Mahoney. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 20, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the First Selectman's Conference Room located in the Waterford Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Savoy, Waterford East Lyme Animal Control Ad-Hoc Committee Co-Chairperson
