

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 **May 18, 2015** at 5:32 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 was Waterford First Selectman Dan Steward.

2. Public Comment:

Stephanie Hughes attended in place of Joyce Meehan, to discuss the committee's follow-up on Joyce's questions on March 23. First Selectman Dan Steward addressed the first question about a line item for \$1,345,000 for animal control shelter construction, stating that it was a placeholder only, since a budget for it was not approved and this was only an estimate. Next steps are to get an actual cost based on site, size, number of towns involved, etc and then put that amount into the town budget for approval. Regarding an expired agreement between Waterford and East Lyme for Animal Control, Dan Steward stated a new agreement would be drafted when participating towns are agreed upon. Lt. Mahoney noted that the agreement covers splitting the cost of the animal control officer's services between towns and East Lyme provides and maintains the vehicle; Waterford handles the building. The agreement is not a part of this committee's mission. Finally, Montville would be represented on any ACF committees in the future as a participant in a regional shelter.

3. Approval of Minutes:

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

4. Treasurer's Report:

Yvette Savoy reported that the new ACF building fund balance is \$198,813.18 as of April 30, 2015. On May 1, 2015, a deposit of \$1,070.12 for the new ACF building fund was brought to the Waterford Finance Department by ACO Robert Yuchniuk.

5. Old Business:

A. Fundraising Updates: None at this time.

B. Progress on Assessment of Proposed New ACF Sites:

In a letter from Planning and Development Director, Dennis Goderre, potential new ACF sites in Waterford that were suggested by ACO Robert Yuchniuk, were assessed. For any new regional facilities, conversion to a new zoning use classification would be needed following public hearings approving a new site or expanding on the existing facility. Many sites on the list were eliminated due to security concerns. Follow-up with Town Planner Mark Wujtewicz on the Waterford sites is warranted since Dennis Goderre recently resigned from his town position. ACO Robert Yuchniuk forwarded a list of potential East Lyme sites to East Lyme Planning Director Gary Goeschel. He will also acquire a list of potential sites in Montville. Montville Mayor McDaniel has expressed that Montville is on board with regionalizing. Ledyard officials have not communicated a continued interest in pursuing a regional agreement. Dan Steward will request a written statement from Ledyard confirming this so that a roster of participating towns may be finalized.

C. Membership Status: No change at this time. Yvette Savoy noted that any votes regarding the new ACF fund would need input from East Lyme, along with Waterford. Dan Steward recommended that East Lyme First Selectman Mark Nickerson and Toni Bingham from East Lyme, who was previously sworn in onto the committee and has participated for years, should attend those special meetings and represent East Lyme.

D. Follow-up on Questions from Public Comment: See Public Comments Section.

6. New Business:

A. Next meeting is scheduled for June 22nd

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Yvette Savoy at 6:04 PM. The motion was seconded by Robin Perkins. Motion passed unanimously.

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