

2019 SEP -9 AM 8:40

Animal Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday June 25, 2019

City Hall Conference Room-1st Floor

Members Present: Alicia Pensarosa, Beth Klinefelter, Jodi Swenson, Jennifer Jackman, Jennifer Schmorrow

Meeting called to order 6:40pm

Public Comment:

Caroline Haines:

Made a statement against the use of rodenticides in Gloucester

Discussion about the adverse effects of rodenticides

Meeting minutes approved from 5-23-19 with minor changes

Discussion about the Dyke's Pond visit-

Discussion about who maintains the pond-according to City of Gloucester's Inventory of Public and Non-profit Open Space-Gloucester DPW is listed as owner/management agency in charge of the pond

Discussion about photos taken during site visit

Discussion about next steps-email Sean Nolan (site is in Ward 5) for support reaching out to DPW in regards to adding a structure to help animals get out

Discussion about plovers and volunteer updates

Concerns were expressed about the early removal of the enclosure, lack of enforcement regarding soccer balls in the buffer zone during soccer tournament, and overall lack of communication and consistency from agencies in Gloucester

Discussion about how to enforce the buffer zone

Concerns about beach raking over the area where the enclosure was now that it's been removed

Discussion about volunteers

Discussion about future steps-have a discussion at the end of the summer about what worked/what didn't work, get feedback from volunteers, go over our recommendations to see what was followed through on

Potentially ask to receive a record of calls made to Animal Control and GPD regarding plovers and dogs on GHB.

Discussion about next meeting

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday July 25, 2019

Discussion about adding one more member to our committee-Beth Klinefelter will reach out to an individual who might be interested

Meeting ended 8:02pm