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AAC Meeting Notes 11/14/19

Animal Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday November 14, 2019

City Hall Conference Room-1st Floor

Members Present: Alicia Pensarosa, Beth Klinefelter, Jennifer Schmorrow, Dianne Corliss,
Jennifer Jackman, Lynn Jackson

Council Liaison Absent: Scott Memhard

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Introduction from Lynn Jackson-new committee member

Introduction from the rest of the committee

Meeting minutes approved from:

8/29/19-Jodi Swenson and Jennifer Jackman (absent) abstained from voting

9/21/19: Beth Klinefelter and Lynn Jackson (absent) abstained from voting

Discussion about recent fox deaths-no necropsies done

Discussion about possible cause of death

Discussion about increasing education

Discussion about collecting numbers and data on rodenticide poisoning from testing at vet
offices and rehabbers in the area

Discussion about writing an ordinance that business, restaurants, etc cannot use rodenticides

Discussion about getting data from vet offices about rodenticide poisoning in domestic animals

Discussion about the purple bags and trash problem

Next steps:

Gather more research/data, check to see if there are any domestic animals that have been
affected, look at surrounding town ordinances

Discussion about alternative methods to control rats

Lynn Jackson offered to reach out to vet offices to see if there's a trend, have they seen
increases in rodenticide poisoning?

Plan an educational event for March-potentially invite pest control companies that don't use
rodenticides to promote their product

Discussion about where to have the event, plan it on a weeknight

Continue to educate and plug the event through the winter

Follow up on findings at next meeting

Discussion about altering the livestock ordinances- potentially put a minimum on land size per animal, manure pile distance from water source, etc.

Discussion about animal breeding

Discussion about chickens, should we have a registration system?

Discussion about picking a particular animal/s to start: horses, goats, cows

Discussion about researching ordinances in similar towns

Dianne Corliss will write up draft ordinances

Discussion about plover meeting

Discussion about volunteers

Discussion about next year's plover plan

Add to the agenda for next meeting: Livestock ordinances

Next meeting scheduled for: Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm (Rescheduled to Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm)

Meeting ended at 7:56pm