

AAC Meeting Notes 6/7/18

Animal Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 7, 2018

City Hall- 3rd Floor Conference Room

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

Council Liaison Present: Jen Holmgren

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

10 Minutes allocated for Public Comment:

Residents in attendance:

Mary Hasse

Kyle Molton

Shannon Cardinal

Linda Brayton

Beverly Palmacci

Sylvia Thibodeau

Ray Fishek

Kim Smith

Catherine Ryan

Diane Usewick

Linda Brayton handed out copies of new Dog Friendly Gloucester flyers

Discussion about Piping Plovers:

Discussion about the leash law

Discussion about changing the dates that dogs are allowed on Good Harbor Beach

Discussion about barking dogs

Discussion about Mass State Law saying that dogs have to be on leash

Discussion about dog poop on the beaches and people not following the rules

Discussion about increase in dog population

Minutes approved from 5-17-18

Committee elections-

Alicia Pensarosa-Chair

Jen Jackman-Vice Chair

Beth Klinefelter-Secretary

Discussion about reports from animal control:

Have a copy of tickets from all animal control calls made with redacted personal information

Discussion about which tickets were followed through on by the treasury

Discussion about Crab Beach

Jen Holmgren looked into getting a grant from City Attorney for cameras on GHB for plovers-not possible now, perhaps we should apply for an Awesome Gloucester Grant

Discussion about how to help the plovers get to the water-Going to block off parking area

Volunteer list from Ken Whitaker-good coverage for nighttime
Motion to write the recommendation that Gloucester Police Officers enforce City ordinances on the beach while Animal Control is not on duty
Discussion about out of towners-how to educate
Do another outreach event at GHB
Discussion about contact with Fish and Wildlife and Mass Wildlife

Discussion about recommendation:

Any recommendation we make should come with a fine
Discussion about clarifying the signs and dates-make sure it's concise
Discussion about the September 15th date
Discussion about beach laws
Discussion about ticketing and enforcement-raise awareness to dog calls
Discussion about improvements made to dog presence on GHB-still working to educate locals and out of towners about the ordinances
Discussion about Gloucester Plover Twitter-AAC can share on our Facebook page
Jodi Swenson suggested we talk to Trustees to get recommendations on how to manage plovers
Discussion about cameras on the beach and hooking it up to the GPD feed to act as a deterrent-but would need to hook up to the GPD to be effective

Discussion about outreach event- chairs, binoculars for education, bring trash bags to clean up trash

Saturday June 9th at 6:00pm

Monday June 11th at 6:00pm

Discussion about cat licensing and increasing the non-neutered/spayed dog fees to increase incentive to spay/neuter

Mass Animal Fund will support free spay and neuter vouchers-ACO can issue the voucher

Advertise the free spay and neuter on AAC FB page

Look at what other communities are doing for spay and neuter fees

Discussion about the Cape Ann Animal Aid Rescue Reunion at Stage Fort Park

Get t-shirts and nametags for our events, flyers for food drive

Discussion about signage at Crab Beach

Discussion about a banner for our tables

Discussion about creating an AAC logo

Discussion about MSPCA fact sheets that Alicia Pensarosa brought to distribute to committee members

Meeting ended 8:44pm