

AAC Meeting Notes 9/12/18

Animal Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday September 12, 2018

City Hall Conference Room-1st Floor

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

Council Liaison Present: Jen Holmgren

Meeting called to order 6:28pm

Minutes approved from 8/23/18

Discussion about last meeting, recapping our ordinance language

Put buffer zone ordinance under Feeding/Disturbing wildlife and also add to the beach ordinance

Add kites to the list on buffer zone ordinance

Updating section 9-8, update A

Section 4-16A

Discussion about current language and suggested updates

Plum Cove and Cressies off leash in the offseason

Crab Beach off leash at all times

GHB and Winga odd and even days

Discussion about wording and making sure that wording is clear

Discussion about attempting to get a treasurer's report and animal control reports

Discussion about comparing animal control citations and the budget line item

Total Animal Control fines from 2017 \$6,055

Discussion about following up on citations

Discussion about what other cities and towns do to follow up on citations and increasing enforcement

Discussion about mandatory periodic reporting-how often? Include more detailed information in the annual report at the end of the fiscal year

Discussion about waiting on language until we know how the system works to decide on reporting requirement

Read through ordinance changes and discussed each:

Section 4-2: Feeding wildlife-moved to pass that language

Endangered/Threatened wildlife Buffer zone ordinance-moved to pass that language

Section 9-8 Littering updating A-suggestion to add "or any public property"
Moved to approve that language

Section 4-16A

Dogs allowed-put GHB and Winga first

Put all other public beaches on leash last

Discussion about even/odd days and making sure the language is clear enough

Discussion about out of towners and education

Adding " even/odd days of the month"

Moved to approve the dog ordinances

Discussion about signage on each beach-include fines on each sign-complete discussion after final wording is voted upon by City Council under the advisement of the legal department

City Council consent agenda on September 25th

Then referred to O&A on either October 1st or 15th

Send recommendations to City Councilors Lundberg and Steve LeBlanc

Discussion about our annual report-ending it in July all of us approved the reports

Discussion about other animal issues-coyotes

More people posting about coyotes-seems that reporting peaks in September and October and again in winter

Discussion about posting more education on our FB

Discussion about Crab Beach complaints

Discussion about plover education on beaches starting on October 1st and potentially on the Boulevard

Discussion about what kind of education materials

Discussion about T-shirts

Discussion about donations for education materials, etc.

We want to set up a meeting with Kenny Costa to discuss donations, etc

Discussion about the public cemeteries-

Do a social media post to educate people about the ordinance that dogs are not allowed at the cemetery

Discussion about increasing dog violation fines

Fine of \$300 per violation for Section 4-16A

Discussion about rodenticide-adding to the agenda for next meeting

Jen Jackman to reach out to Somerville to learn more about their rat control program and efforts to reduce rodenticide problems

Jodi Swenson going to invite speaker from Mass Raptors are the Solution

Discussion about public health department policies/recommendations regarding rodenticide use

Next meeting scheduled for October 18th at 6:30pm (changed to October 17th)

Discussion about doing an outreach event on Saturday the 6th on GHB and potentially on October 1st at Winga

Opened public comment:

Mark Warhol: wanted to know more about the process for how our recommendations g, we explained the process

Meeting ended at 7:52pm