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Animal Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

City Council Conference Room

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Minutes from 7/18/17 approved

Discussion with Clean Gloucester's Ainsley Smith about what they are doing to mitigate trash debris in town

They have been working more closely with DPW-implemented with the trash bins at GHB

Discussion of what we are finding with trash and connections with coyote sightings

We discussed the importance of educating about trash-right time to put it out

Promote the use of the Click Fix App to report overflowed trash bin or trash that hasn't been picked up to DPW

Discussion about the history of the purple bags and any possible changes that have been presented

Discussed future collaborations between the AAC and Clean Gloucester-send us education materials

Discussion of gull and vermin proof bags-Beth Klinefelter will reach out to inquire more information

Coyote Management Recommendations

Jen Holmgren met with Greg Bach and Jessica Kagle from Kestrel to discuss curriculum for educational sessions with students, should be finalizing plans mid-September

We decided to reach out to School Committee about meeting to present our ideas on how to reach out to students and distribute yard audit

Discussion about how to present our recommendations to the Mayor

Can the committee fundraise?

Invite Mayor Sefatia to our meeting-Alicia Pensarosa will reach out to schedule a date

Create a visual example of the door hangers to present

Awesome Gloucester Foundation-apply for grant-Jen Holmgren will write the application

Invite City Councilors to our meeting to keep them updated on our plans so they can promote our efforts-invite 3 at a time

Discussion of Dyke's Pond:

Confirmed that it is a DPW issue

Opened a discussion of people taking photographs of dogs and getting tickets-isolated issue, how to keep this from escalating-should this be allowed?

October Meeting: Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00pm

Meeting closed at 7:48pm