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Animal Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00

Minutes were approved from April 18, 2017 meeting.

We started the meeting discussing the current coyote management issues in Gloucester.

Jodie Swenson mentioned that she talked to John Maguranis at Project Coyote and obtained information about volunteer hazing committee and coyote education.

We established Oak Hill and Oak Grove cemeteries as areas with a high concentration of sightings.

General discussion about how to identify problem coyotes and who to contact about individuals.

Jennifer Jackman introduced a paper about predictable yard features that attract coyotes, she passed out copies and we discussed the article.

We discussed starting a social media site to dispense information.

We discussed doing a survey of residents to learn more about their coyote observations, problems with pets, problem areas, map of hotspots, etc.

Beth Klinefelter introduced information from other coyote management plans and will send the information to other members.

We discussed how to educate residents about coyote behavior, what to do when you see one, etc. We also agreed on the importance of citizen science to involve the community.

We reviewed collaborating with animal control to share findings and discuss management limits and viewpoints.

We moved on to discuss radio tracking and other organizations to collaborate with (Urban Canid Project, group on the Cape that does similar work, Gloucester Coyote Project, etc).

Discussed how to get youth involved. Potentially utilizing Kestrel for education-talk to about education-summer camps

Discussed the best way to figure out residents in certain areas, specifically, Rocky Neck and Eastern Point for targeted education.

Councilor LeBlanc will get us more information on how to email residents.

AAC Next Steps for Coyote Management:

We want to build out tools we need-social page, focusing on webpage, make survey page and draft survey.

Talk to Animal Control-Councilor LeBlanc will make a request to have Animal Control officer at an upcoming meeting.

We are each going to gather content-management plans, guides and bring printouts.

Reach out to local resources-printers, fundraise for door hangers, education materials

Contact Gloucester Coyote Project

Dog Ordinances:

We started with a discussion on procedure for adding new vehicle and tethering state law to Gloucester's Ordinances.

Jen Holmgren will write up addition to send to O&A after AAC approval.

We discussed the history of dog ordinances in Gloucester.

We discussed inviting Dog Friendly Gloucester to an upcoming meeting to discuss ordinance ideas.

We shared ideas about streamlining ordinances and current problems.

Discussion of future agenda items:

Jodi Swenson brought up the conflict at Dykes Pond and Lily Pond where beavers and other animals get trapped.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 30th at 6:30pm

Following meeting Tuesday June 20th at 6:00pm

Meeting Ended at 7:32pm