

Newtown Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May14th, 2014

Location: B.J.S Animal Care & Control Center of Newtown
Attendance: Adria Henderson, Carolee Mason, Frank McCloskey, Gene Rosen, Joy Brewster, Jane Hellman, Jen Cramer, Fred Hurley, & Pat Llodra

Meeting started @ 7:15pm

April 16th minutes – all approved after making following changes... Jane Hellman & Mat Schaub in attendance & change date to 4/16.

HVAC Update

- Fred passed out the completed certified Testing & Balance report done by Environmental Testing & Balancing, Inc. on 4/28/14.
- Fred said the town mechanical contractor will fix minor issues found with duct work, etc. to meet baseline specs by 5/25 & then they'll retest
- Per Fred, there's an estimated \$50-55k in original capital account to correct/complete open items at the shelter
- ACB will send report to UC Davis for review & additional recommendations

Shelter Signage

- Fred talked to Sign Depot & they'll send him a mock up, like the interior FFH signs, with "Animal Control Facility" & an arrow by end of the week. He'll forward to Gene for review. Based on the approved mock up, there'll be 2 signs & a banner...
- Sign #1 – located at top of road @ corner of Old Farm Road & Trades Lane & in place by end of May
- Sign #2 – located at corner of Wasserman Rd & Trades Lane. Sign will be combined with Horse Guard & the Dog Park and will located on State easement so Fred will need to get the Horse Guard's agreement. Date TBD.
- Banner– Fred will get a large banner to put on the transfer station entrance fence that notes the Animal Control Facility has moved to Farm Rd by end of May.

Play yard priorities

- 1) 4 tops for outdoor runs being worked on by Fred's team
- 2) Put material (ie pavers) under fence line between runs to prevent dogs from digging underneath
- 3) Replace sod with gravel in 3 of the runs... ¾ inch natural wash stone. Jane will bring sample to Fred's office to order
- 4) Remove walkway down middle of play yard & replace with grass since dogs were ripping it up. Tabled for now since Fred said it was needed for the water to run off
- 5) Lamp posts – Milt will seal cracks around the facility so wires not exposed

Security lights

- Acorn fixed lights so lampposts will be on until 2am & then security lights on building will be on.

Mail Box—finally up

Security Cameras

- Still an open item since tied in with rest of town per Fred

Sunny Update

- Fostered to Amy Sullivan, a town employee @ the shelter
- Per the trainer, the two meds she's on maybe causing aggression & recommended she go to a specialist like Dr. Lindel
- Per Pat, Carolee will follow-up with Dr. Vali, her current vet, share the training reports & Acepromazine & Chlorpromazine article provided by Joy, & see if he'd recommend Sunny seeing a specialist related to the meds & behavior
- Carolee will provide a written report on his response

Stamford situation

- Adria noted aggressive dogs have been adopted out, brought back due to issues, & now Town's being sued
- Adria noted the same trainer volunteers @ the Newtown shelter
- Pat recommended getting information from the trainer on what's going on in Stamford & what's different vs Newtown in terms of types & # of dogs.

Trap, Neuter, & Release (TPN) program

- Discussion tabled until next meeting
- Jen will review the Cat Ordinance

Outdoor Cat Structure – completed per Carolee

Adoptions – Taz (dog) being adopted on Fri.

Next Meeting – Thur. June 19th @ 7:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Submitted by Frank McCloskey