

Newtown Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 19th, 2014

Location: B.J.S Animal Care & Control Center of Newtown
Attendance: Adria Henderson, Carolee Mason, Frank McCloskey, Gene Rosen, Joy Brewster, Jane Hellman, Robin Olson, Matt Schaub, & Fed Hurley.
Other Attendees: Amy Sullivan

Meeting started @ 7:15pm

May 14th minutes – all approved & minutes posted on Town web site May 29th.

Sunny Update

- Amy updated the Board on Sunny & how the fostering is going. She completed a 12 page questionnaire & visited Dr. Lindell, Behaviorist, @ NVS on 6/18 per Dr. Vali's recommendation. Diagnosis & advice was provided & Amy can also call Dr. Lindell up to 2 months for continued advice.
- Amy plans to continue to foster Sunny with everyone's support. Training classes going well. Noted there's still \$500 remaining from \$1k in training funds approved by CAN.

HVAC Update

- Per Fred, his town mechanical contractor is still working on fixing minor issues. Once he's done, then he will bring Environmental Testing & Balancing, Inc. back immediately to retest it for the baseline.
- ACB will send baseline information to UC Davis with other information for their review & recommendations on how to improve the ventilation.

Play yard priorities

- #1 Tops on outdoor runs 80% done & will be finished this week
- #2 Pavers under & between fences in all runs will start once tops are done.
- #3 Replacing the sod with gravel in 3 runs has not started yet. Jane will drop off ¾ inch washed natural stone sample @ Fred's office.
- #4 Lamp post exposed wires will go away once security cameras are installed but crack in base will be sealed.

Shelter Signage

- 3 out of 4 done. Sign #1) on Trade Lanes noting direction via arrows of Animal Control Facility & Dog Park, Sign #2) near facilities on Old Farm Rd. is a thank you sign for Hair & Bouchard Families, CAN, & all donors & volunteers, & #3) poster board on fence @ transfer facility beyond the transfer station traffic noting facility has moved to Old Farm Rd. (photos included below)
- Sign #4 is last sign to be done @ corner of Trade Lanes & Wasserman Way. This is state property so Fred's getting agreement from Horse Guard for a joint sign with Animal Shelter/Dog Park & arrows. It will replace all existing signs @ the corner.

Sign #1



Sign #2



Sign #3



Security Cameras

- Still waiting to set them up but it's a town-wide system vs shelter issue.

Stamford facility

- ACO was fired. Dogs with bite histories were being adopted out but not disclosed.

Trap, Neuter, & Release (TNR) program

- Per Cat Ordinance, ACO needs to support TNR & keep records of colonies in town.
- Robin received a copy of "Community TNR Tactics & Tools" by Bryan Kortis. She'll read & provide a summary to Board in next meeting.

Newtown Bee – Adria will contact the Bee & 1) ask them to stop using the word "Pound", & 2) provide facts *& new location (ie map) of new facility they can print & help increase awareness.

Next Meeting – Either Wed. 7/23rd or Thur. 7/24th @ 7:30PM. Adria will follow-up on Pat Llodra's availability & confirm date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by Frank McCloskey