

EASTHAM DOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

**Thursday, February 8, 2007 @ 6:30PM
Eastham Police Conference Room**

Present: Cindy Nicholson, Loretta Neilsen, Pat Engstrom, Lynn Bates, Val Young, Kari Miller, Linda Van Nest

TREASURERS REPORT - Val Young presented treasurers report as follows:

Balance at Bank Jan 23, 2007	\$536.00
700 stamps @ .39	\$273.00
Balance at Bank Feb 8, 2007	\$263.00
In Hand 100 stamps @ 39	\$ 39.00

TOWN BYLAW AMENDMENT UPDATE

Lynn reported 25 signatures were obtained on the Citizens Petition and presented to the Town Clerk's office February 7th. Cindy confirmed clerk's office accepted and all was in order.

The wording is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Town of Eastham Animal Control By-Law the follow provisions in Section II, § -9: 1, in the second paragraph the last sentence is deleted and is replaced with: *Within fourteen (14) days after such public hearing, said Selectmen shall make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of such dangerous or vicious dog as may be deemed necessary and in the Public interest, and may fine the owner of any barking or other nuisance dog up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per occurrence.*

WEBSITE

Val researched several websites and has located a site at \$4.95 month for 12 months which appeared easy to use. Val and Cindy appointed as "head masters of website". Voted unanimously. Val to set up within the week as well as a Yahoo Forum. Question arose as to logo. Motion made to retain the logo of the dog with the concept of slight modification in the future. Pat's daughter is a graphic artist and will be recruited for suggestions. Voted unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Cindy took floor. Receiving responses on our email account. Requested one person be our designated membership coordinator. Pat Engstrom was nominated, 2nd and voted unanimously. Congratulations Pat.

NON PROFIT STATUS

Fred and Bill working on.

BY-LAW

The urgency to create our by-law was brought up as the consensus was it was needed for the March 8, 2007 special member meeting. Loretta had brought in and read a sample from another non-profit organization that has the same basic needs, i.e., name, goals, membership and officers.

- ♦ The question of the term and length of term for each officer was questioned. After much discussion, the consensus was: two years for each: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Two will be up for re-election this fall (Vice-President & Treasurer) and Three Directors.
- ♦ Membership Fees were also questioned. Not to be included into the by-law. Voted \$10 for membership (not unanimously) to start annual at the annual meeting. Dues will be due January to December.
- ♦ Motion to accept/motion accepted as discussed above. Drafted copies of by-law to be distributed at the next meeting.

MARCH 8TH MEMBER MEETING

To include:

- ♦ Collecting donations. Discussed annual fee schedule. The fall annual meeting will start the beginning cycle instituting the annual fee. Will run from Jan-Dec 2008.
- ♦ By-Laws (Cindy to type up and distribute at the meeting to be held on February 22nd)

Flyers hung up at Post Offices, Superette, Bracket General Store and TD Banknorth by Pat. Other members to distribute to various other places, i.e., CC Five, the dog kennel, Chocolate Sparrow, Town Hall, etc. It was motioned Loretta speak briefly at the March 8th meeting regarding the by-law, accepted by all.

SHELTER STATUS

Pat spoke with Chief. Policy not developed yet. Scheduled for a meeting on the 19th. Also invited Chief to March 8th meeting.

MUTT MITTS

Kaitlyn at the town's Natural Resource Department has set aside the keys, all set for pickup. Loretta to pick up keys and mitts. Lynne wanted to express a correction – the mutt mitts do deteriorate with extreme hot or cold exposure.

MINUTES: Previous minutes reviewed and accepted.

7:50 adjourned.

Respectfully,
Cindy Nicholson