

EASTHAM DOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Thursday, December 14, 2006 @ 6:30PM
Eastham Police Conference Room

PRESENT: Cindy Nicholson, Fred Fenlon, Pat Engstrom, Kay Hartman, Bernie Kaplan, Loretta Neilsen, Lynne Bates, Val Young

Fred Fenlon called meeting to order at 6:35PM

NEW BUSINESS/ New Board Member

Fred introduced Bernie Kaplan and asked for officers to accept his motion to have Bernie on the Board. Motion was seconded and accepted. Welcome Bernie.

OLD BUSINESS Update:

- ◆ Previous meeting minutes reviewed. Pat Engstrom requested minutes be amended. Incorrectly stated Chief of Police to call Wellfleet and Harwich Town officials to discuss dog shelters. Minutes of November 16th amended to read "Eastham Chief of Police, Rick Hedlund previously spoke to Wellfleet and Harwich officials and is presently waiting for HS Eastham School officials to respond." Minutes approved by all with change.
- ◆ Val Young, Treasurer, reported:
 - Nov 16, 2006 balance \$453.00
 - deposit \$83.00
 - **Balance** **\$536.00**
- ◆ **Mission Statement:** Mission Statement reviewed and motion was made to accept as per the following:

Eastham Dog Owners Association (EDO) promotes the welfare of dogs, responsible dog ownership and equitable Town Ordinances relating to dog ownership in the Town of Eastham in a spirit of neighborly regard and in a manner that will maintain the unique beauty of Cape Cod.

Objectives

- Enhance the health, welfare, educational and recreational opportunities for dog owners and the public in Eastham.
- Support a responsible safety program and disaster plan for Eastham dogs.
- Promote fair and equitable dog by-laws which place the burden of responsibility on the dog owner.
- Work in cooperation with town officials to address dog issues should they arise.

Goals

- Work with town officials to develop a disaster preparedness plan.
- Amend the Animal Control By-Laws at Town Meeting.
- Increase EDOA membership to 350 registered voters in year one.
- Assert the responsibility of dog owners to clean up after their dogs.
- Promote a dog friendly community.
- Encourage dog modification training for problem dogs.
- Explore recreational opportunities for Eastham Dogs.

Motion seconded and accepted.



By-Law Update: Discussed the revised printout of the dog by-law at the November 16th meeting. All approved as presented. Fred spoke with Dave Schropfer since then and felt comfortable meeting with him. The major change to by-law is the barking dog paragraph. Loretta requested a copy of that printout. Fred to provide. A letter to town hall officials, Sheila Vanderhoef and Lillian Lamperti will be drafted by Fred to request a meeting the first week of January. Fred, Lynn and Kay to attend the meeting.

Membership Drive:

- ◆ The membership drive was reported by Cindy, Kay and Fred as going very well. \$73 was donated and the response was good.
- ◆ Fred requested an additional line be added to the sign up sheet requesting information on Eastham voter registration status per household.
- ◆ Cindy to submit the Eastham Dog listing we purchased from the Clerk's office to board. There was some clean up work on the spreadsheet.
- ◆ At the next meeting each member will take a page and to make five phone calls. Next meeting to discuss phone solicitation. Bring your ideas and suggestions.
- ◆ Goal – 350 registered Eastham voters

Membership Count: Cindy to advise

Mutt Mitts:

- Fred questioned status of Mutt Mitts distribution. Lynn to confirm with her contact at Agway that their offer to donate 6 cases a year still stands. The balance would be at a reduced rate of market value.
- Val mentioned the previous offer from Nauset Kennel to donate boxes was still an option.
- Lynn to contact Orleans Pond Collation regarding their usage per year.
- Fred to contact Kaitlyn Merrill again at the *Eastham Conservation Commission* to follow up and get box keys.
- Suggestion made to have two mutt mitt boxes at First Encounter Beach at both ends of the beach. Fred to speak with Kaityln about this as well.

Eastham Dog Park

- Several locations suggested. Val suggested land by the kennel. Fred suggested back of Wiley Park, Bernie suggested Eastham town land where the wind turbines are to be placed. Discussed pros and cons of various lots.
- Lynn commented on the concern of dogs being confined to the dog park once established.

Blog: Fred started working on it. Has computer problems. No update.

Dog Shelter: Pat to follow up with Chief Hedlund beginning of year.

Other Business:

- Bernie suggested working with the COA and to coordinate dog visits to the sick and elderly who would benefit from a visit from a friendly dog and human being. Cindy to contact Kathy Gill at the Council on Aging.

NEXT MEETING: January 11th / 6:30 Eastham Police Conference Room.
Meeting Adjourned 7:40PM