

EASTHAM DOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Thursday, January 23, 2007 @ 6:30PM
Eastham Police Conference Room

Present: Cindy Nicholson, Loretta Neilsen, Pat Engstrom, Kay Hartman, Bill O'Shea, Lynn Bates, Val Young, Fred Fenlon

MINUTES: Previous minutes reviewed and accepted with the following type change: "Val to flow up" with "Val to follow up" under the Therapy Dogs International heading.

TREASURERS REPORT - Val Young reported no change from last month, balance \$536.00.

MUTT MITTS:

Loretta stated the Town has paid for twelve (12) cases of dog mutt mitts, should we advise Agway of this? She spoke with Katelyn at the Conservation Department. They do have plans to move the box at Rock Harbor to the other path as previously requested. After conversation it was agreed to obtain the donated mutt mitts from Agway. Lynn confirmed the bags would not "go bad" as long as kept in cases.

Loretta stated the need for by-laws for our organization. Fred said to be put on back burner right now - other urgent needs must be addressed.

BYLAW CITIZENS PETITION STRATEGY:

- ♦ Fred took floor, They had met with Sheila Vanderhoef, Lillian Lamperti and several other town officials. Lynn's feedback was they were not hostile, but set in their ways. Her concern was if we push to amend the dog bylaw, there may be repercussions.
- ♦ Kay agreed with Lynn's viewpoint. There are more important issues than the barking dogs. The town followed the State bylaw. They are not interested in killing dogs because of their barking. Concerned about keeping the beaches open for the dogs during the off-season.
- ♦ Bill expressed bylaw was copied from 5 or 6 other towns. If "not important and no intention to kill dogs" WHY in the by-law??
- ♦ Lynn said she felt the biggest leeway to amend the bylaw would be the barking dog section.
- ♦ Fred constructed two versions for the petition. The long one would include all our changes previously suggested, versus the short version which would address only the barking dog section.
- ♦ Bill expressed his views in keeping the long version - we can't keep going back to the town for changes.

Motion was made to take a vote - majority voted for the short version.

BYLAW CITIZENS PETITION STRATEGY CONTINUED:

Fred suggested sending a copy to Bill Galvin, Secretary of State, as there is a deadline of February 7th and was concerned our article would not be included in warrant. Loretta expressed concerns should we send to Galvin. It was decided not to send, but Bill will question our article with a lawyer friend and in Fred's absence, will present at a Selectman's meeting. The soonest would be February 20th. Cindy to request to be put on the agenda for the 20th and remove February 5th previous request. Lynn will modify the petition as needed in Fred's absence. Bill will have the information by Friday.

Cindy said she would reserve the Conference Room at the Town Hall for March 8th for the special recruitment meeting.

Someone needs to reserve the Police Conference Room for our next meeting February 8th.

MAILER - Pat Engstrom presented copies of the flyer created by committee consisting of Cindy, Pat, Lynn and Kari. Looked good with minor changes.

WEBSITE was discussed, web versus blog. Val Young to take a look and set up. GoDaddy.com was suggested.

MISC:

Cindy to prepare labels for non-members only. Kay will donate copies of flyer. 39 cent postage on all. Approximately 670 mailers to be sent out by next week.

Advertisement for the open meeting needs to be prepared. Send invitation to Selectman as well. Fred back in town February 26th.

7:50 adjourned.

Respectfully,
Cindy Nicholson