

Selectmen's Meeting – Wednesday, December 12, 2007 5:30 p.m.

Present: Ronald Manzone, Mike Silvia, Brian Bowcock and Jeffrey Osuch

Also present: See attached sign in sheet.

Ronald Manzone called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Ronald Manzone thanked the volunteers for their service and others who had come to the meeting. The current status of the Animal Shelter was discussed. Ronald Manzone asked for recommendations for future use of the shelter.

Brenda Maceil, speaking for volunteers, wanted the animals brought back to the shelter and the volunteers would take care of them. Discussion on a non-profit being set up.

Discussed German Shepard, Capone.

Amy Littles (volunteer since April) – The animals, at present, are better off at the Humane Society – does not want animals back at this time. Capone is very hyper active and may have to be put down. Stated that only 1 or 2 animals had been there less than a month. Most 3-5 months at the shelter.

Brenda Maceil – Against animals being put down. Many animals at shelter were mistreated by owner and it takes time to train animals so that they can be adopted.

Ronald Manzone discussed the issue of liability. Discussed the issue of how many cats were in the Shelter. Cats locked up in the bathroom for months.

Erin Gregoire - Wants more rules and controls at shelter. Felt that more help, a part time person, should be hired.

Sheila Dolan – A temporary dog officer should be hired immediately and the animals brought back.

Andrea Kisla – Wants to form 501C3 non-profit to run the shelter. The removal of the animals was illegal and the animals are the property of the Town of Fairhaven. She wanted the Selectmen to contact Attorney Valerie Irving.

Barbara Wood – Wanted applicants screened and trained.

Dolores Caton – Asked what volunteers did.

Barbara Wood – Daily at shelter at 8:30 a.m. to clean and feed dogs, also come back in afternoon.

Brenda Maceil - Scheduled the volunteers answered the phone took messages.

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Al Coutinho for Acushnet Selectmen stated that Acushnet had a good working relationship with Fairhaven and his Animal Control Officer would help where possible.

General discussion followed on adoption process, budget issues, duties, etc.

Michael Silvia suggested that volunteers continue to pursue a 501C# non profit and provide information to the Selectmen.

Ronald Manzone – Selectmen would take under advisement what had been heard and would discuss at December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Brian Bowcock motioned to sign revised requisition #23 in the amount of \$102,577. for Agostini Construction, East Fairhaven School. Michael Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. This requisition replaces prior requisition that had wrong amount that was signed on December 3, 2007.

Brian Bowcock motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Michael Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jeffrey W. Osuch  
Executive Secretary