

MEETING OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER, 11, 2008

Present were Candace Nagle, Barbara Murphy, Carol MacDonald. Absent Steve Milkewicz

The minutes of August 14 meeting were approved 3-0 with one correction, that the establishment of the Community Center as the emergency pet shelter “had fallen by the wayside” be changed to “needs to be revisited”. This was one of the original goals of the Animal Welfare Committee.

Nagle reports that Animal Control Officer is in support of the proposed “ loosening the town bylaw that does not allow dogs in outdoor patio dining areas” due to multiple cases of dogs being left in cars while owners were eating in a restaurant. There has been one official complaint of dog in food service patio. Dr. Stephen Devincent, Herring Cove Animal Clinic veterinarian has written a letter in support.

AWC will meet with the Board of Health on September 18 to present the case for more “dog and owner friendly” outdoor dining bylaws.

Nagle mentioned that Town Manager Lynn is looking into establishing a Pet Cemetery in town, for which there is a history and a desire.

Meeting adjourned 4:00