

# Regional Animal Control District

Serving the Towns of  
Lebanon, Franklin, Bozrah, Lisbon & Sprague

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Regional Animal Control District Board of Directors

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Thursday,

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

10:30AM

Sprague Town Hall

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Rich Matters. Members present included First Selectman Cathy Osten, First Selectman Bill Ballinger and First Selectman Tom Sparkman. Absent, First Selectman Joyce Okonuk.
- 2) Recognition of Visitor. Sprague Selectman Denise Dembinski.
- 3) Additions to agenda. None.
- 4) Approval of minute of January 22, 2015. Motion was made by First Selectman Osten to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Sparkman. Motion carried, unanimous.
- 5) Correspondence.
  - a) Letter from State Dept. of Agriculture dated 1 July 2015. The Chairman reported receiving a letter from DOA stating the training requirement for new Animal Control Officers. Our Officers have been trained.
  - b) Letter from State Dept. of Agriculture dated 13 July 2015. The Chairman reported receiving a letter from DOA regarding the yearly door to door License Survey. Chairman stated Towns can send dog licensing reports to the ACO to check discrepancies from the previous years report.
- 6) Discuss and act on FY 14-15 Treasurers' Report and transfers. First Selectman Osten reported that she was still having issues in receiving bills from Lebanon in a timely manner and will discuss with First Selectman Okonuk. The Board reviewed the FY 14-15 Treasures report and recommended transfers. First Selectman Sparkman approved the transfers as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Ballinger. Motion carried, unanimous.
- 7) Discuss activity level for months of January, February, March, April, May, June and July 2015. The Chairman reported activity level for Edward's Answering Service for the following month:

| <b>January</b> |     | <b>February</b> |    | <b>March</b>  |    |
|----------------|-----|-----------------|----|---------------|----|
| Non-Emergency  | 124 | Non-Emergency   | 97 | Non-Emergency | 98 |
| Weekend        | 0   | Weekend         | 3  | Weekend       | 4  |
| Daytime        | 3   | Daytime         | 2  | Daytime       | 0  |
| Nighttime      | 2   | Nighttime       | 0  | Nighttime     | 5  |

| <b>April</b>  |    | <b>May</b>    |     | <b>June</b>   |    |
|---------------|----|---------------|-----|---------------|----|
| Non-Emergency | 84 | Non-Emergency | 114 | Non-Emergency | 76 |
| Weekend       | 2  | Weekend       | 3   | Weekend       | 2  |
| Daytime       | 2  | Daytime       | 3   | Daytime       | 4  |
| Nighttime     | 1  | Nighttime     | 2   | Nighttime     | 3  |

### **July**

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Non-Emergency | 46 |
| Weekend       | 4  |
| Daytime       | 4  |
| Nighttime     | 3  |

- 8) Discussion of vehicle fuel charges. Bills from Lebanon are plus or minus \$5.00 a gallon for fuel for the van. The Chairman in discussion with First Selectman Osten, decided to use one of Sprague's gas cards which will make it easier for accounting and pricing at the pump.
- 9) Discussion of Public Act 15-103. The Public Act requires ACO' to handle all domestic animal calls. First Selectman Osten (State Senator Osten) stated that the legislative intent of the law was to require the ACO to call animal rescue groups for the animal concerned. We will see how this will work as time goes by.
- 10) ACO Reports. ACO reports were sent via e-mail for review. First Selectman Sparkman reported on seeing a tractor trailer in the Tractor Supply parking lot in Griswold selling animals. He reported it to the State Troop E. They were unable to respond. The concern was that if the animals were healthy and vaccinated.
- 11) Public Comment. None.
- 12) Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectman Sparkman and seconded by First Selectman Ballinger. Motion carried, unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Richard L. Matters  
Chairman