



Forsyth County
Animal Control Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
December 17 , 2009

Lori Sears,, Chair
Julie Magness Vice-Chair
Joe Redman
Dr. Tim Strickland
Jennifer Tierney
Jerry Canady
D. Ritchie Brooks
Charles Cahill
Marsha Crumpler
Priscilla Ivester
Toby Cranfill

Members Present:

Julie Magness
Lori Sears
Joe Redman
Toby Cranfill
Marsha Crumpler
Priscilla Ivester

Staff Present:

Tim Jennings
Matt Smith
Kelly Nash
Drake Parrish

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Sears at 6:00 P.M. Staff advised Dr. Stickland and Jennifer Tierney had provided notification they could not attend.

- *Minutes*

A motion was made by Jerry Canady to approve the October 15, 2009 minutes and seconded by Julie Magness. Minutes were approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Old Business

- *Code Proposals:*

Tim Jennings summarized prior discussion of code proposals to include: Breeder Permits, Pet Limits, Hobby Registrations, Kennel Definitions and alternatives to these proposals. There was discussion among board members of the previous presentations made to the advisory board by citizens asking for assistance with nuisance and environmental concerns caused by a high number of pets being maintained at a single residence. Pricilla Ivester provided the board with information opposing pet limits. It was also discussed how zoning as well as other ordinances and agencies play a role in situations where complaints arise from large number of pets. Staff advised they are hearing the Puppy Mill bill introduced in the 2009 legislature will probably be heard in the 2010 short session as amendments were made removing the financial impact upon the NC Department of Agriculture. Upon discussion it was determined that discussion be tabled and staff will request speakers from zoning and possibly other departments. to provide presentation in regards to these issues.

New Business

- *Hearing Tribunal: January 19, 2009*

The next hearing tribunal has a full schedule of 7 appellants. Lori Sears, Julie Magness, Priscilla Ivester and Marsha Crumpler volunteered to be at the next hearing tribunal. The hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on January 19, 2009.

- *2010 Work Plan*

Pursuant to the adopted work-plan the February meeting was to dedicated to solicitation of public opinion regarding anti tethering codes. Lori Sears asked board members if plan to proceed with the request for public comment should still be scheduled. The consensus was to move forward with the

work-plan as adopted. Board members asked Tim Jennings how the department proceeds with getting information to the public as to the meeting.. He reviewed the process the advisory board has utilized in the past of posting information about the meeting on its website. Through paid advertisements in the newspaper and a series of public service announcements the public is requested to respond by email contact through the website, calling a dedicated telephone line to express their opinion by voicemail, written submission to the animal shelter, or in person at the meeting. Tim Jennings referenced the requirement within the board's by-laws that the board develop a five-year strategic plan to identify needs and establish priorities for animal control services. He believed the advisory board should make this its primary work-plan in the coming year.

Adjourn

Lori Sears motioned to adjourn the meeting, Joe Redman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.