

Animal Shelter Advisor Committee

June 1, 2023

On Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 1:06.

Present: Co-Chairs Dan Daly and Therese Desmond, Members, Susan Philips, Victoria Shea, John Sheldon and Alyssa Cook. Town Planner Tim Czerwienski, Attorney Marion McEttrick, OPM, Paul Kalous. Erin Bradley, Mindy D'Arbeloff

A discussion was held in regards to a draft business plan presented by the subcommittee appointed for this purpose at the May 26 meeting. The subcommittee was comprised of Therese Desmond, Marion McEttrick, Susan Phillips and Victoria Shea. The subcommittee was charged with creating a business plan to be presented to the Select Board and Town Administrator and ultimately to the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General. Marion McEttrick discussed the various ways in which a new animal shelter, built on the present site, could benefit low income Milton residents under the terms specified in the will of Governor Stoughton. Lease payments as a direct monetary contribution to the poor were a primary focus of the plan. Other benefits mentioned were various proposed uses of the new shelter such as the community meeting room, as an emergency shelter and fundraising to provide discounted veterinary services.

John Sheldon made a motion to accept the draft for submission for consideration to the Select Board with Marion McEttrick's addition of certain other benefits discussed at the meeting. It was seconded and voted unanimously.

Marion McEtrick stated that George Tougias would provide a new plan showing how an animal shelter and affordable housing units could be located on this site.

Marion McEtrick stated that she would send out an edited business plan by email and if there were no objections, she would send it on to the Select Board for their review.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Desmond, Acting Secretary