

Regional Animal Control District Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 25, 2014 – 10:30 a.m. - Bozrah Town Hall  
MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Matters at 10:35 a.m. Directors present were Joyce Okonuk, Bill Ballinger, Cathy Osten and Denise Dembinski.
2. Visitors: None
3. Additions to Agenda: None
4. **Motion by Okonuk/Ballinger to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2014 meeting. Vote: Yes, unanimous**
5. Correspondence: None
6. Removed from agenda.
7. Treasurer Osten reported that in current fiscal year (14-15) the budget is going well, on target, with a spending rate lower than budgeted/anticipated.
8. Payment of Bills: None
9. Activity Level with Edward's Answering Service:

|               | <u>July</u> | <u>August</u> | <u>September</u> | <u>October</u> |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| Days          | 3           | NR            | 3                | NR             |
| Weekends      | 2           | NR            | 5                | NR             |
| Nights        | 1           | NR            | 0                | NR             |
| Non-Emergency | 69          | NR            | 62               | NR             |

10. ACO Mike Murphy was not in attendance but members acknowledged receiving the monthly activity reports that he emails to all. Denise reported there are 498 regular visitors to the Regional Animal Control Facebook site which is extremely active.
11. Chairman Matters reported that the proposed budget for FY15-16 reflects a 2.5% COLA for employees with Answering Service same as prior. Okonuk recommended that members considering using a portion of Fund Balance to off-set increase in budget which will allow costs to remaining flat in individual town budgets. Members agreed. **Motion Okonuk/Ballinger to approve the FY 15-16 budget in the amount of \$72,753 with \$1,975 to come from Fund Balance. Vote: Yes, unanimous**
12. **Motion Ballinger/Matters to approve the FY 2015-16 Meeting Schedule as presented. Vote: Yes, unanimous** (copy attached).
13. **Motion Dembinski/Ballinger to nominate the following officers for the RAC Board for FY15-16:**  

|                   |                               |                       |                             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Chairman:</b>  | <b>Rich Matters, Franklin</b> | <b>Vice-Chairman:</b> | <b>Tom Sparkman, Lisbon</b> |
| <b>Secretary:</b> | <b>Joyce Okonuk, Lebanon</b>  | <b>Treasurer:</b>     | <b>Cathy Osten, Sprague</b> |

**Vote: Yes, unanimous**
14. Public Comment: None
15. **Motion Matters/Osten to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Vote: Yes, unanimous**

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk, Secretary

# *Regional Animal Control District*

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2015 Regular Meeting Schedule

Sprague Town Hall Conference Room

10:30 AM

January 22, 2015

February 26, 2015

March, 26, 2015

April 23, 2015

May 28, 2015

June 25, 2015

July 23, 2015

August 20, 2015

September 24, 2015

October 22, 2015

November 24, 2015

December 23, 2015

Approved at the regular meeting of the Regional Animal Control District Board of Directors on November 25, 2014.

Richard L. Matters

Chairman