

## ***Planning Board – May 21, 2018***

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Granzin

**Present:** Dave Granzin, Floyd Hoover, Elaine Thiesmeyer Daniel Hoover, George Dowse

Others: Dave Phillips, NYS Ag & Markets Inspector

Chairman led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> George, to approve April minutes

The board invited Mr. Phillips to share his knowledge and insight on kennels and answer questions on drafting the kennel law for the town. He inspects kennels on a yearly basis, more if there is an issue reported.

He has inspected many kennels throughout his district. Overall the dogs are kept in clean environments with hired help to socialize the animals and daily exercise. Unhealthy dogs bring no money in, retail or wholesale.

Discussion on regulations for sufficient space for freedom of movement. Rule of thumb, pen must fit animal when laying stretch out. Standing up in the cage they must have ample head and turn around space is required for each breed.

If kept in wire cages, the flooring wire must be a certain gauge or covered by plastic so that the animals foot cannot pass through. He has not seen any stacking of cages possibly due to the excrement issue.

Discussion on heating and ventilation requirements, on outdoor run size.

Kennels must keep logs on all animals for all Vet interactions and general health.

Ag & Markets control Pet Dealers and retail sales. USDA controls wholesale.

Dave brought a Pet dealers licensing program handbook and discussed Ag & Markets Law Art. 26a Care of Animals and Art. 35D Sale of Dogs & Cats.

The board thanked him for his attendance and guidance.

No news on the adoption of Solar Panel Regulations.

Motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> Floyd to adjourn carried at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Betty M Daggett