

House Rabbit Network
Board Meeting, Saturday Nov 21. 2015
11 AM Westford, MA.

Attendees: Suzanne Trayhan, Megan-Marie Henrici, Sarah Titus, Diane Mayer

The minutes from the May 9, 2015 meeting were approved.

Financial documents were handed out. Everyone was happy that we are in the black and are doing well financially.

A motion was put forward to make Blizten, Cadbury and Lily sanctuary rabbits. They were recently returned, are 7, 5 & 5 years old PEW rabbits and all three have medical issues. Unanimous agreement to make them sanctuary.

There was a discussion about the NH Regulations. We are unsure if these regulations are new or they were never previously enforced. Our interpretation is that each foster home that wishes to do adoptions out of their home must be licensed and inspected by the department of agriculture each year at the cost of \$200 per home per year. With these current regulations and or limited activity in NH we decided to discontinue any fostering in NH. We did not have any active foster homes in NH when we were notified about the regulations. It does look like we can have sanctuary homes in NH.

Governor Baker is requesting a review of state regulations. HRN should look into this and send in our suggestions for how the government regulations impact HRN and animal rescues. Megan-Marie agreed to take this on.

We are discussing ideas for increasing security at the shelter. We are looking into getting security cameras- everyone agrees they should be considered, we just need someone willing to research and do the work. Megan-Marie will contact the Marc Riel and Suzanne will contact Scott to see if they can help with this. We also want to improve our volunteer application process, have a formal application and even ask for references. Megan-Marie offered to work with Amanda on this.

An HRN Board Member was alerted to a potentially troubling situation. One volunteer has accused another volunteer of submitting receipts for reimbursement for items that were already paid for by someone else. The events happened 6 months prior and there is nothing to back up the claim, only one person's accusation. The situation was discussed with the treasurer and the board so everyone was aware and could keep their eyes open for potential problems. The names of the parties involved are going to be kept confidential for now (if the person is innocent, then we don't want to falsely accuse, or cause problems for the accuser)

Next board meeting scheduled for Feb 6, 2016.