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DURHAM ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM

JULY 2ND 2026 7 P.M. COMMUNITY CENTER

ATTENDENCE --- Dick, June, Beth, Sue L., Bill, Sue W, Sean, Tiffany, Erin, Sharon, Harry, Maureen, Brenda, MaryAnn “via facetime” & Jack Trifilo EMD

CALLS --- Bethany Horsemen’s Club sent a thank you and donation for \$200

Killingworth call June 17, owner sent a letter and \$500 donation thanking us for a job well done

SPEAKER -- Jack Trifilo, Emergency Management Director.

Topic – Structure, C.E.R.T., By-Laws, Training, Finances, Team Building

Jack started the meeting telling the team we are highly praised by C.E.R.T. Teams.

1. Structure – Team needs to start working together and resolve personal issues. How can we improve structure to build a stronger team? Different levels of membership roles
2. Training – a proposal to have training classes 6 months out of the year. Having members step into other people’s shoes.
3. C.E.R.T.- We are a CERT Team and during town emergencies are expected to open Pet Shelter for towns’ people. We need to train and recall how to set up shelter and document animals
4. By Laws – New By - Laws will be implemented.
Examples would be 2/3 vote on all amendments

20% of calls in the field are made by each member a year

How to respond to calls more effectively.

Capping membership to 20-25 people

Voting on Executive Board members.

5. 501-3C – would it be feasible to become a 501-3c group

Donations would be a write off for donator

Group would be tax exempt

Friends of DART

OPEN DISCUSSION

1- What number would we cap off on membership.

Can some members serve only in support roles while others participate in the field? Who would be eligible to vote, and would support members need CERT certification?

2-How should inactive members be addressed? What qualifications are required for active membership, and should there be a waiting period that includes training and field participation?

3- Can town funds and DART donations be kept in separate accounts?

4- Looking into newer emergency communications. BRICKS
Over Everbridge

6. Changing to WHATSAPP for member communication

ADJOURNED – 8:30

