

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine

~~Proposed~~ Resolution 99-~~27~~

That the Barnstable County Extension Service be asked through the County Commissioners to develop an educational program, including the distribution of educational printed materials on the appropriate behavior to avoid potential harm to humans and domesticated animals and damage to property from the contact with Coyotes.

WHEREAS, This is a regional countywide issue;

WHEREAS, Of several towns contacted none had information to distribute other than the dates of the hunting season;

WHEREAS, The State wildlife management headquarters for Coyotes (fur bearing species) is in Westboro;

WHEREAS, The County Extension Service does not have a program for either education about or management of Coyotes;

WHEREAS, Educational materials are available from the State and other sources at no or little costs, but do require an organized local effort to distribute them to municipal authorities, schools and recreational visitors who might encounter them along the remote areas of our extended pathways and bicycle trails;

WHEREAS, A proactive effort to deal with the potential hazard of humans, domestic animals and property can prevent the application of extreme measures as a reaction to a preventable accident; and

WHEREAS, I believe that services from regional government should provide leadership in matters, which have begun to have regional impact, and shared concern for the well being of the public and the successful integration of wildlife into our combination of rural and urban environment.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates:

The County Commissioners ask that the Barnstable County Cooperative Extension Service develop an educational program, including the distribution of educational printed materials on the appropriate behavior to avoid potential harm to humans and domesticated animals and damage to property from the contact with Coyotes.

Respectfully submitted,

William Doherty
Delegate from Harwich

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