

**Rabies Ad-Hoc Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

Minutes from March 15, 2022

Minutes not yet available. The meeting was summarized.

Rabies Data in Bath

Marc Meyers provided data from the state's database regarding rabies cases in the area over the past 10 years. Rabies data from state includes only animals who had human or domestic animal contact. Roadkill and other strangely behaving animals are not tested. Animal Control Officer may have additional data about strangely behaving animals in Bath. Elizabeth Dingley suggested surveying residents about seeing strangely behaving animals, leading to a discussion.

ORV programs in other areas

Elizabeth talked about other communities and countries having success with ORV programs. Marc provided info from other small-scale ORV initiatives in the U.S. that are not in the USDA scope. There was conversation about state effort.

Committee community reports

Elizabeth said she e-mailed questions to Phippsburg and West Bath. Roo Dunn sent e-mail to Kristi Eiane in Harpswell. Mary Ellen Bell said she reached out to Brunswick Town Manager's Office and ended up connecting with Heather Brown, the Brunswick Animal Control Officer. Heather also serves Freeport as ACO. Heather said Brunswick was not interested in participating an ORV program at this time. Anna Hunt connected with Topsham, speaking with Assistant Town Manager Mark Waltz. Topsham had a string of cases in 2021. Mark said it would be better to connect in fall regarding a potential budget item.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m.