



# HELP US TO SECURE OUR FUTURE IN TOWN

## VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Baypath's vision is to expand services to the community

Strong focus on Dog Training Classes, Health & Wellness Services, Humane Education

Explore partnership opportunities with other towns in the Metrowest area

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## OUR FUTURE IS DEPENDENT ON SHELTER ZONING IN HOPKINTON

Our vision requires a long term land arrangement and facility consistent with industry best practices.

Baypath's present facility is located on land owned by Eversource

Rental arrangement: 1-year lease with right to evict with 30-day' notice

Our expansion is constrained by rental agreement

Challenge to remain in Hopkinton: Lack of land zoned for shelter use.

## PROPOSAL PREPARED BY THE HOPKINTON PLANNING BOARD

Animal Shelter – A facility owned, operated or maintained by the Town, a charitable organization, or a non-profit organization, for the purpose of providing temporary housing and care for seized, strayed, distressed, homeless, abandoned or unwanted animals. The facility may provide mission-oriented programs such as educational outreach, medical care and on-site training programs.

All zones in town would be open to special permitting, given that it met all the other criteria

### A special permit could not be granted unless:

- (1) An Animal Shelter shall be located on a lot containing a minimum of three (3) acres;
- (2) All animals shall be kept indoors after 7:00 PM;
- (3) Adequate measures shall be implemented to ensure that noise impacts to the surrounding neighborhood are mitigated;
- (4) Outside areas for animals shall be enclosed by a fence of at least 6 feet in height;
- (5) Animal waste shall be contained and legally removed in a timely manner;
- (6) Adequate odor control measures shall be implemented;
- (7) Adequate screening for abutters shall be provided.

## OVERVIEW - BAYPATH HUMANE SOCIETY OF HOPKINTON

Founded: 1977 by Hopkinton area volunteers.

IRS Registered 501 (c) 3; EIN: 04-2625753

Mission: Baypath provides shelter, care, humane treatment and loving homes for stray or unwanted companion animals. We serve our community by fostering relationships, educating and making a positive impact on pet overpopulation.

Fulfillment - Places/finds homes for 1000+ cats & dogs each year

Resource: Primary provider of humane services to Hopkinton residents; Partner to Hopkinton ACO

## THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS BAYPATH'S MISSION

176 general volunteers and 90+ dog/cat foster families

10,300+ volunteer hours provided annually for animal-related activities

3,900+ individual donors & private foundations contributing 44% of 2015 operating budget

## HOW THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON BENEFITS FROM BAYPATH

Satisfies state animal control laws requiring towns to have a place to impound strays, abuse cases, etc...

Rescue of abandoned animals representing a risk to the community

Trap/Neuter/Release Services (Feral cats)

Foster care for shelter animals with medical or other special needs

Canine evaluations for town and local areas

227 adoptions of stray & unwanted dogs & cats by Hopkinton residents in the past 3 years

## HOW THE RESIDENTS OF HOPKINTON BENEFIT FROM BAYPATH

78 Surrenders of unwanted dogs & cats by Hopkinton residents in the past 2 years

Rescue of abandoned animals representing a risk to residents

Spay/Neuter surgeries for shelter adoptions & community animals

Low Cost Spay & Neuter via Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society Catmobile

School & Youth tour groups; Volunteer Opportunities