

Dear W T BOS, Kate Hoffman and others

SHAME ON THE LAND BANK...

The Land bank has enough money and personnel to provide water and shelter for their herd of goats, no matter where they are grazing.

Kate Hoffman is correct and her concerns valid. Kate acted responsibly in her asking the hard questions and pointing out to the Land bank, that they are not providing the minimum standards of animal care for their herd.

The Land Bank should have accepted her concerns, and acted accordingly, to provide water and shelter ASAP.

The Land Bank needs to apologize to Kate for this aggregates oversight and not take the arrogant stand to blame the "complainers".

I Served on the W T Land Bank advisory committee for many years.

I assure you It is an organization that is ruled from the top down.

The Land Bank administrator is responsible for all his employees. Their successes, short cummings and their failures.

The law requires specific policies and procedures in dealing with, owning and controlling all animals and specifically, a goat herd,

These policies must comply with state animal control laws.

Chris Murphy and Brian Athearn should be supporting Kate's efforts to protect all farm animals, not try and minimize the Land Bank staff for withholding water to any farm animals during this heat wave..

I would urge the town to review those policies and assure the public that they will be enforced by the town animal control officer.

Kate Hoffman(our animal control officer) should be commended and applauded for her efforts to correct a situation that the Land Bank staff could have avoided.

Regards

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