

## **Newtown Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) Minutes**

### **Special Meeting 2-16-2021**

Location: Meeting held via Zoom due to COVID-19 precautions

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY ACAB AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Attendance: Members: Chair Adria Henderson, Frank McCloskey, Joy Brewster, Jane Calverley, Jane Hellman, Janice Butler, and Elaine Mandulak

Meeting began @ 4:05pm

No public participation

#### **Correspondence:**

Chair Henderson noted it was a special meeting since the Board's 2021 meeting dates weren't scheduled & posted on the town site in advance. The remaining meetings for 2021 are 5/18, 8/17, & 11/16.

#### **Old Business:**

##### Correspondence & meeting attendance with Shelter/ACO

Chair Henderson reported Amy Sullivan, Sr. Kennel Keeper, left since she moved out of state and ACO Mason has 2 part time ACOs. Chair Henderson asked if it was necessary to have ACO Mason attend future quarterly meetings. The Board discussed it would be helpful for her to attend so the Board's time could be focused on items needed per the Board's stated advisory role. Chair Henderson volunteered to meet with ACO Mason to get her input/feedback and report back.

#### **New Business:**

##### Review of state bill re: Animal-Centered Legislation

A - ACO 1<sup>st</sup> responders. Chair Henderson noted there's a new bill to make ACOs 1<sup>st</sup> responders. The Board hasn't been asked for input or help. Chair Henderson is waiting to see the text of the bill.

B – Pet Shop Bill: Shelter Animals in pet shops. Chair Henderson noted bill has not passed state-wide in the past but now has been amended for each city/town to decide on. Right now, there's no pet shops in town but maybe some stores could have a day event to adopt shelter dogs.

Board discussed the bills and wasn't sure if, and what help, is needed from the town or ACO Mason. Again, Chair Henderson will get feedback from ACO Mason when she meets with her.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Frank McCloskey