

## **Minutes of the Newtown Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting**

Date: Tuesday May 30th, 2017

Location: Newtown Municipal Town Building, 3 Primrose Street, Meeting Room 1

Attendance: Members: Adria Henderson, Chair, Frank McCloskey, Joy Brewster, Jane Hellman, Jane Calverley, and Janice Butler. Also in attendance: MACO Carolee Mason and Asst. ACO Matt Schaub.

Meeting began @ 11:15 am

No correspondence or public participation.

ACAB Board 4/17/17 minutes were approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Welcomed new Alternate member, Janice Butler

Jane Calverley has agreed to move up to be a permanent member

Chair Henderson will follow-up with Laura Branchini, who recently moved out of the state, about formally resigning so Jane can become a permanent member.

Microchips and cancer

Chair Henderson noted an article about a lawsuit claiming microchips are causing cancer and could result in an increase in rescued dogs not having microchips. MACO Mason said she has not seen any difference yet.

Yellow Ribbon Movement

Chair Henderson discussed some dog owners are putting a yellow ribbon on their dog so others don't approach them. She asked MACO Mason to see if Amy Sullivan could include this in her educational program for kids. After further discussion, it was best to also continue to teach them to always stay away from all dogs until the owner confirms it's ok.

Flu

Joy Brewster noted flu is coming up from the south so the staff should quickly isolate any dog with signs of it.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Drop Box for ACAB & Town Documents

Chair Henderson is still waiting for Laura Branchini to put the final version of the documents in the Drop Box. Matt deleted the other shelter Drop Box to eliminate confusion. After further discussion, all agreed to stop using the Drop Box and go back to email due to ease. Chair Henderson will follow-up with Laura and then send out the final drafts with the last revised date in the file name. Jane Calverley can help.

#### Dog Bite Policy Update

Chair Henderson and Jane Hellman will meet with MACO Mason & ACO Schaub to review the draft policy for internal use.

Cat Committee – no update

#### Outside Cat Enclosure

MACO Mason mentioned having a new enclosure to Fred Hurley but hasn't received a response yet. Also still need composite flooring in the existing one for sanitary purposes.

#### Clear the Shelters 8-19-17

Right now, there is not enough available dogs and cats to participate but MACO Mason will see as we get closer to the date.

Invitation to Chief Viadero -Chair Henderson will invite him and Sgt. Silver to the next Board meeting

Next Meeting scheduled for June 27th, Tuesday at 10:30am

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

These minutes are subject to approval by ACAB.

Respectfully submitted by Frank McCloskey