

Minutes of the Newtown Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 18th, 2017

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

Attendance: Members: Chair Adria Henderson, Frank McCloskey, Joy Brewster, Jane Hellman, Jane Calverley, and Janice Butler. Also in attendance: MACO Carolee Mason, Asst. ACO Matt Schaub, Chief of Police James Viadero, and Captain Chris Vanghele.

Meeting began @ 10:30 am

No correspondence or public participation.

ACAB Board 6/27/17 minutes were approved via email

NEW BUSINESS:

Welcomed Police Chief Viadero

Police chief had no questions for the Board but appreciated the invitation to meet the Board. He did confirm Sergeant Silver was the new liaison between the Police Department and Shelter and a new police dog was in training.

Board Changes

Laura Branchini resignation was received and Jane Calverley has been appointed and sworn in as a permanent Board member. Janice Butler is an alternate member and there's still an opening for another alternate member.

Animal Farm Foundation

Located in Amenia, NY, Chair Henderson reached out to them to understand how they work with and place pit bulls into service work as a potential future resource.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACAB & Town volunteer documents

Chair Henderson received revised documents from Laura Branchini so she'll get together with Jane Calverley to review them.

Clear the Shelters 8-19-17

Decision to participate was needed by 8/1 and MACO Mason said no since there's too few adoptable dogs & cats at the shelter.

Dog Bite Policy Update

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

Shelter House Bill 6334 passes & signed

Chair Henderson noted it only applied to private and non-profit shelters. Discussed registration and inspection will be done by Dept. of Agriculture but budget constraints will make it tough for them to enforce it. Also noted kennel licenses in town are done by the Zoning department.

Foster update

ACO Cindy Edgar is fostering Sunny and has signed, along with Selectman Llodra, the foster agreement. She does bring Sunny back to the shelter when working or away since Sunny can't stay home alone. Although the foster policy notes the town still retains ownership and cost, MACO Mason has talked to Cindy that any leg surgery would be on her own expense. MACO Mason will follow-up with Dr. Vali to get his opinion on surgery and probability of a positive recovery due to her separation anxiety condition.

Amy Sullivan, who also works at the shelter, is training but not fostering Stella. Training includes taking her home overnight at times.

Outside Cat Enclosure

MACO Mason spoke to Fred Hurley that the existing enclosure's dirt floor needs to have composite flooring for cleanliness and the health of the cats. He confirmed it will be done but no date was given.

Board's presentation to BOS & Cat Committee – continue to be tabled

Next Meeting will be scheduled via email.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

These minutes are subject to approval by ACAB.

Respectfully submitted by Frank McCloskey