

Minutes of the Newtown Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 30th, 2017

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

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

Meeting began @ 10:30 am

No public participation.

ACAB Board 9/28/17 minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections at the next meeting

Please send nominations for Chair and Secretary to Jane Hellman

Alternate member search

Not sure if the other alternate member is needed since Janice Butler couldn't make the meeting again. Chair Henderson will email her to see if there's a better time/day she can attend future meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Documents reviewed and approved by CIRMA & Legal

All approved by CIRMA rep and town lawyer with only changes to three words. Chair Henderson will email the final five documents to the Board including the 1) Release agreement and covenant not to sue, 2) Adult volunteer application, 3) Town rules dog volunteer dog walkers, 4) Volunteer proof of medical/ auto insurance information, & 5) Newtown Department of Police Service's rabies vaccination form.

Sunny letter and adoption update

Chair Henderson sent letter to town attorney with options on adoptions and legal liabilities but no response yet. She then sent it to Selectman Herb Rosenthal and waiting for a response. AACO Edgar is still fostering and considering adopting Sunny even with her anxiety and meds. Jane Hellman works with a Florida sanctuary and they mentioned to try hemp oil for calming Sunny. She suggested to ask Dr. Vali or Chair Henderson's vet if there would be any issues with any of Sunny's other meds. Chair Henderson will follow-up with her vet since she's familiar with whole plant CVD oil.

Stella at the shelter

MACO Mason says Amy Sullivan is still fostering Stella and expecting to adopt her within a week.

Invitation to new First Selectman Dan Rosenthal

Plan to invite him to a future Board meeting.

Women's shelter in Danbury

Chair Henderson was contacted and told some women will not leave an abusive situation since they have a dog or cat and wanted to see if possible to leave pet at shelter for a period of time. MACO Mason and everyone discussed it has been done, and is possible, for Newtown residents but tabled creating a formal policy.

Correspondence received on Appollo

A Newtown resident had a lab mix, named Appollo that is usually fenced in the yard. Recently, a Bethel resident walked by with her dog and Appollo got out an open gate, which resulted in the dogs fighting. The Bethel lady's hand was bitten, but it's known by which dog. Appollo was taken to shelter for quarantine by the owner, who then decided to surrender him for the \$100 surrender fee.

After MACO Mason posted Appollo was available for adoption on the Shelter's Facebook page, the lady from Bethel sent an email to First Selectman Llodra and contacted MACO Mason & Lieutenant Bahamonde about not adopting Appollo to someone who lived in Newtown or Bethel. Lieutenant Bahamonde requested MACO Mason to have Appollo evaluated by Exceptional Pet. If ok, then MACO Mason will proceed with getting him adopted.

There will be no meeting in December so next one will be in January TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am

These minutes are subject to approval by ACAB.

Respectfully submitted by Frank McCloskey