

Minutes of the Newtown Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 25th, 2017

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

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

Meeting began @ 1:35 pm

There was no executive session or public participation.

Correspondence

Chair Henderson contacted Police Sgt. Aaron Bahamonde since he was promoted to lieutenant and will no longer be involved with ACAB. Chair Henderson also talked to Police Chief Viadero. He didn't know yet who would get involved but heard good things about the Board and would like to attend the next meeting if possible.

ACAB Board 11/25/16 minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mickey the dog

Mickey unfortunately bit an officer when he was first picked up and brought to the shelter. After an independent behaviorist evaluated Mickey, Sgt. Bahamonde, the behaviorist, & ACO Mason approved his adoption which was completed recently

Board presentation to BOS - Discussion tabled to spring '17

Dog Walker Rules

Reviewed handout dated January 2017 and Joy Brewster noted "flexi-leads" in #8 was a brand and recommended to change it to "retractable leash".

Adult Volunteer Application

Chair Henderson noted to change "Dog/Cat adds" to "Social Media" and remove "Cat Barn Home" on page 2. If approved by ACO Mason, then applicant needs to fill out the town waiver that requires a copy of their medical insurance card and deductible amount. All reviewed the handout of the new language to be inserted and had no changes. Board agreed to finalize all forms by the next meeting and then forward them to the town lawyer and insurance underwriter for review and approval. Laura Branchini will setup a Drop Box and put the forms there so everyone can review before the next meeting.

Dog Bite Policy

Chair Henderson will draft one and then pass it around for comments. ACO Mason recommended she contact the State of Agriculture department for information. Discussed building on the recent use of an external trainer to evaluate Mickey prior to being approved for adoption.

Cat Committee

TRN program tabled for now but there's still confusion if the town cat ordinance allows feral cats to be taken in by the shelter. Need to revise one page cat intake form and develop and formalize responsibilities for volunteer cat care takers.

Cat Room Renovation

Room was recently painted but everything else is tabled for now.

Next Meeting scheduled for February 23rd, Thursday at 10:30am

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

These minutes are subject to approval by ACAB.

Respectfully submitted by Frank McCloskey