

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

### **Regular Meeting 5-18-2021**

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

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

Present: Chair Adria Henderson, Frank McCloskey, Jane Calverley, Jane Hellman, & Janice Butler

Absent: Joy Brewster, Elaine Mandulak, & MACO Carolee Mason

Meeting began @ 4:05pm

No public participation or correspondence

Approval of Minutes from 2/16/21 meeting:

Jane Calverley made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting. Jane Hellman seconded it. All in favor and motion passes.

New Business:

#### Arrow the Hawk & All state bills died in committee

Chair Henderson noted recent press about the hawk found with arrow in it, was successfully captured by a falconer, rehabbed by Christine Critter's in Weston, and then flew off when healthy again. MACO Mason was initially involved and Chair Henderson noted she was concerned about a state bill to separate MACOs from wildlife issues but it died in committee.

#### Meeting to return to Muni Center?

Board agreed to meet in person at next quarterly meeting on 8/17 @ 2pm. It will be at the Newtown Animal Control Shelter @ 21 Old Farm Road, vs Muni Center. We'll plan to be outside under the covered area in the back. MACO Mason needs to attend the next meeting to get an update and all felt the new assistant ACO should attend if available. If something needs attention prior to 8/17, then Chair Henderson will look into setting up a special meeting.

#### Adoptions & Shelter open to the public

Chair Henderson noted adoptions have slowed down since people have to make appointments but hoping the shelter will open up to the public again soon. Adoptions initially increased due to pandemic but then slowed up.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 2pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Frank McCloskey