

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

Date: Thursday, September 28, 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 Asst. ACO Matt Schaub

Meeting began @ 10:30 am

No correspondence or public participation.

ACAB Board 7/18/17 minutes were approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Animals from TX, FL, PR, etc., due to hurricanes

Chair Henderson asked if there had been any contact from these areas about housing dogs and cats since these animals are bringing new diseases up North. MACO Mason said there have been no calls or animals from the affected states at the shelter.

#### Robyn Abbott

She expressed interest about joining the Board, but did not respond to the last email and did not attend this meeting.

#### Meet with new 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman after election

Tabled until after the election.

#### Akita update

MACO Mason noted the Big East Akita rescue group has been able to get all the akitas adopted that they had picked up from the shelter almost a year ago. Also, two recent akitas at the shelter have been adopted.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### ACAB & Town volunteer documents

Chair Henderson and Jane Calverley met and Jane merged all the latest edited documents into a final draft to send to CRIMA, the insurance agent, and then the town lawyer for review and approval.

#### Dog Bite Policy Update

MACO Mason hasn't had a chance to meet with Sgt. Baramonde to review the draft internal policy, but noted the law requires all animal bites still must be reported.

### Foster update

ACO Cindy Edgar is still fostering Sunny but has not decided to adopt due to possible future medical expenses. MACO Mason has talked to Dr. Vali and he agrees Sunny is not a candidate for double ACL surgery. Chair Henderson will discuss the situation with the Town Attorney to determine if there are any options available for the Town to continue to pay for some medications/surgery without remaining liable if Sunny is adopted. If so, then Frank McCloskey will also see if CAN is willing to cover the ongoing meds via Mt Pleasant.

MACO Mason said Amy Sullivan, who also works at the shelter, has signed a foster agreement for Stella and expects to formally adopt her within a month.

### Outside Cat Enclosure

Still waiting for town maintenance department to put in a composite floor in the interests of cleanliness and the health of the cats. MACO Mason will follow up again. If there is no response in two weeks, then Chair Henderson will send an email to Fred Hurley.

Next Meeting will be Thur. October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

These minutes are subject to approval by ACAB.

Respectfully submitted by Frank McCloskey