

## **Milford Animal Commission Minutes February 8, 2017**

### **Members Present**

M. Blake  
S. Nierenberg  
K. Dorney  
C. Aronson, Orange Liaison

### **Also Present**

S. Ellingson, Director  
Lt. S. Moore, PD

Meeting brought to order 12:05 pm

A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Nierenberg and seconded by Commissioner Dorney. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the Wardens Report was made by Commissioner Nierenberg and seconded by Commissioner Dorney. Motion carried.

Department Report: Scott gave an update on the abandonment case from last month. The USPS attempted to deliver the certified letter three times, unable to make contact with addressee. After three attempts the letter will be returned to the sender. As of yet the Shelter has not received the returned letter. When they do they will contact the State with an update and see how they want to handle it because the initial complaint came through DCF and the State Animal Control Division. Scott also reported that they will soon be using on-line time sheets, these will replace the hand written ones that they presently use. Due to the passing of the cities Risk Manager, Kim Kell, Risk Management is temporarily being handled by J. Bercham and Toni in the City Attorneys office. Scott reported that while the cat food supply in the "Stella Donenfeld" pet food bank is low they had an over abundance of dog food. Commissioner Dorney, who is also a shelter volunteer, called other shelters to see if they were in need of dog food. New Haven was very grateful and came and took a large quantity for their shelter. She also called "Brass City Rescue Alliance Animal Shelter" in Middlebury because she had heard that they had many dogs. She left a message. "Daisy", the dog that had had the eye surgery, is now recuperating nicely from her spay.

### **Commission Report:**

Commissioner Dorney made a motion that they check on the feasibility of doing something at the Oyster Festival to bring awareness of the Shelter to the public, Commissioner Nierenberg seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Dorney, who has taken over sending thank you notes to donors, reported that she is only sending hand written notes to anyone who donates \$25.00 or more.

Commissioner Dorney made a motion to add an item to the agenda under new business, pertaining to marketing the Shelter and its adoptable animals. Commissioner Nierenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dorney suggested that the Shelter, with help from the Commission,

resume marketing with the newspapers ie: pictures of dogs and cats available for adoption along with a bio of the animal. Scott will see if this is a possibility and if so, how it should be implemented.

License survey: ongoing

Volunteer update: There wont be any new volunteers until spring.

New vehicle: Ford has not yet delivered the truck to MHQ. Anticipated ready date mid-April.

Paige Liptak Memorial Fund: Pat Liptak requested that the money in the fund be used to buy a bench or piece of playground equipment for "Bodies Place" in her daughters memory. Paige had special needs and "Bodies Place" seems the perfect place to memorialize Paige. Pat said that she found out that the Recreation Department responsible for "Bodies Place". She spoke to Peter, the finance director, and he said to have the Commission vote on the release of the funds and then meet with Paul P. from the recreation department to form a plan. He said it probably would be a simple transfer of funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Nierenberg to use the money in the "Paige Liptak Memorial Fund" to purchase something (yet to be determined) for "Bodies Place" in memory of Paige. Commissioner Dorney seconded. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dorney and seconded by Commissioner Nierenberg. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 13:19 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Liptak