

**Milford Animal Commission Meeting
July 13, 2022**

Attendees:

Scott Ellingson (Animal Control)
Sara Nierenberg (Commissioner)
Colby Collier (Commissioner)
Cherie Aronson (Commissioner)
Karen Dorney (Commissioner)
Cathy Kamen (Commissioner)
Sue Stanek (Commissioner)
Marty Foley (guest)
Ben Blake (Milford Mayor)

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm.

Public Comments – Marty said that we should have the authority to rehome cats. Mayor wants to have the city take down the gazebo at Caswell Cove and is looking into legal issues on it. Mayor is working in earnest on this. If gazebo is taken down, we would have the opportunity to rehome all the cats that are there.

Cathy said that hopefully the gazebo can be taken down by fall so we can trap the remaining cats. Commission can work together with Public Works on this. Karen suggested we put up temporary signs so people do not feed the cats so we can trap them. The major issue is the cats are fed twice a day so cats are not hungry and hard to trap.

Minutes of the June 8, 2022 and June 22, 2022 meetings were approved Sue and seconded by Colby.

Cathy asked the mayor how we can go about having an event for dogs if the Commission chooses to do one. It could be the splash pad at dog park and Scott suggested maybe a sprinklers set up at Eisenhower Park. We could have fundraiser at the end of the season so dogs can use the splash pad or sprinklers. Proceeds could go to a charity and Cathy will do more research on having this event on the weekend after Labor Day.

Last Thursday the boxer bit a walker and is now in quarantine for 10 days. The volunteer bitten indicated he could have been trying to get a horsefly.

Karen thinks we should have dogs adopted relatively soon and not left at Animal Control for months.

Warden's Report approved by Cathy and seconded by Karen.

Kitten brought to Animal Control on death's door and is now at the vet.

Four cats found at exit 34 and one died before reaching Animal Control. One has ringworm, one has a bad eye, and all have upper respiratory issues.

Another cat has an eye issue and the eye was removed but needs to have the eye socket sewn closed. Karen made a motion to give Jessica up to \$500 to cover the costs. Motion was approved by all Commission members.

Animal Commission previously approved \$3,500 for poodle's first surgery for leg amputation because knee cap was in side of leg since birth. Animal Commission approved additional \$3,500 for poodle's medical expenses for another surgery. Vet will determine whether leg can be saved during the surgery.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Accetta