

**Milford Animal Commission Meeting  
September 14, 2022**

**Attendees:**

Scott Ellingson (Animal Control)  
Sara Nierenberg (Commissioner)  
Cherie Aronson (Commissioner)  
Karen Dorney (Commissioner)  
Cathy Kamen (Commissioner)  
Sue Stanek (Commissioner)  
Colby Collier (Commissioner)

Meeting called to order at 12:08 pm.

Minutes of the August 10, 2022 meeting. Karen made a motion to accept the minutes, and it was seconded by Colby.

Scott reported that we currently have two black/white kittens who had eye infections but are well now and ready for adoption, one black/white returned as owner is allergic to cats, momma cat and her seven kittens. Tether, the adult cat, was adopted on Monday but we still have the black cat from the eviction situation.

We currently have three dogs and only one is walkable.

Ocean State Job Lot called Animal Control and they want to do a fundraiser for us.

Sue feels that there was a hostile environment at last month's meeting. Sue asked what Animal Commission's role is and Scott said it is advisory. Scott provided a copy of the ordinance showing the commission duties to Sue. Scott asked Sue what she thought their duties were and Sue said overseeing Animal Control. Cathy said she was accused of meeting with the mayor alone. Sara did not remember that but offered an apology. Karen said we only meet once a month and nothing gets accomplished or resolved. Cathy and Sue originally set up a Facebook page for adoptions, but Animal Control set up another. Cathy feels as if they are being overridden. Some Commissioners feel the role of the Commission and Animal Control should be to get animals in and adopted out as soon as possible.

Cathy accepted a new job in Shelton and cannot attend meetings in the middle of the day. It's also hard for Sue to attend at that time. Karen made a motion to change meeting time to 5:15 p.m. and it was seconded by Sue. Motion carried by majority to change time and dates of meetings. Future meetings will be held on the second Monday of every month at 5:15 p.m. starting in October. Scott will check with Justin about the change to reserve conference room.

Cathy has had no response from the city about the splash pad. It's too late at this time for this year so we will table it until next year.

Caswell Cove update – Karen said that the gazebo will hopefully be torn down before winter. Only six cats remain there.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Accetta