## Animal Commission Minutes June 19, 2013

Members Present S. Nierenberg J. Diamond N. Tuder e. Leuchtner Also Present Director George C. Arronson P. Spaltoff

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Commissioner Diamond and seconded by Commissioner Tuder motion carried.

A motion to accept the Wardens report was made by Commissioner Diamond and seconded by Commissioner Leuchtner, motion carried.

Vice Chairman Nierenberg suspended the rules of the meeting to allow Peter Spaltoff to address the Commission. Mr Spoltoff asked the Commission if they were aware of the fact that the Mayor was planning to merge our Shelter with Stratford. The Commission was not aware of this. Mr. Spaltoff said that he came upon this information from a source outside of Milford. He stated that Mayor Blake had met with the Mayor of Stratford a number of times and had a private tour of their facility. It was noted in the discussion following that Stratford has only 30 runs and is always overloaded. Our shelter has had to house their dogs in the past because of the lack of room. We have 30 runs and Stratford has 30 runs both are usually filled to capacity so where will the animals go? He further stated that the plan seemed to be a done deal but Mayor Blake had said he would wait until after the election to make it public. The Director nor the Commission were informed of this and the Vice Chairman asked "what happened to transparency". A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond and seconded by Commissioner Tuder to have the secretary set up a meeting with Mayor Blake relative to the Shelter relocation. Motion carried. Pat will call the Mayors office and set up a formal meeting.

Regular meeting resumed.

Director George stated that he has called for the tree crew to to clean up trees from Sandy and their need for top soil to fill large holes in the yard. Paige's memorial garden is once again on hold until the status of the Shelter Location is resolved. He also reported that he and Frank Gall are doing their educational program in many schools. It is very successful.

Pound Pooches is status quo.

Commissioner Diamond reported that the papers for the non-profit have been sent in and our EIN# has been acquired. Now we need to file for the 501-c3.

The rabies clinic was a success having inoculated 79 animals.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Leuchtner and seconded by Commissioner Tuder motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:59pm

Respectfully Submitted Pat Liptak