

**Milford Animal Commission Special Meeting**  
**March 20, 2022**

**Attendees:**

Scott Ellingson  
Sara Nierenberg  
Sue Stanek  
Cathy Kamen  
Karen Dorney  
Cherie Aronson  
Debra Kelly (assistant city attorney)  
Jonathan Berchem (city attorney)  
Pat Liptak

Meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m.

Johnathan stated that the public can attend commission meetings but are only allowed to make comments. not participate in discussions. Meeting material should not be part of emails distributed. Special meetings are held for only one agenda item; no other items can be discussed.

Pat Liptak stated that Scott, as head ACO, has responsibility to make decisions regarding euthanizing animals.

Cathy asked for clarification of Brownie's biting the chihuahua. Cathy feels the circumstances are not fair with no proper meet and greet. Brownie may be threatened and did not get a fair shake.

Jon stated that dogs are city property and we are working on a waiver. Scott thinks the waiver is a good idea for Brownie and we should notify potential adopters.

Our new owner sign sheet states that the adopter now owns the dog and is responsible for it from signing.

Karen brought up the idea of a rescue organization. They will take ownership of dog and get fosters.

Sue suggested we set up a proper meet and greet area for dogs. All dogs should be walked daily for exercise. Too much time goes by for dogs with issues to get exercise. Deb, our previous dog walker volunteer, has moved away and we now need another experienced dog walker. Kathy asked ACOs to set up some time to walk dogs. If ACOs can exercise dogs, then a person should be hired part time to be the kennel keeper.

Scott said dogs going to rescue groups need to pass the rescue group's evaluation first. Jessica is looking for a rescue group for Bat Dog but she's very busy. Karen said maybe we should seek other resources.

We need a professional dog walker and discussed the possibility of us using the temporary seasonal budget to get a professional dog walker.

Scott will follow up with Jessica regarding possible rescue organizations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Accetta