**Milford Animal Commission Meeting**

**April 21, 2021**

**Attendees:**

Scott Ellingson

Susan Stanek

Cathy Kamen

Karen Dorney

Sara Nierenberg

Meeting started at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting were approved by Sara Nierenberg and seconded by Cathy Kamen.

The golden doodle (Rufus) will be adopted on next Monday. The adopters have two weeks to reconsider and after that time the dog cannot be returned. Adopters are always told ahead of adoption of any issues the dog may have.

Male lab mix goes to the vet this Friday and he becomes our property on Thursday or Friday. A few Orange police officers have expressed interest in adopting him but they have not filled out an application yet.

There is a cat hoarding situation on Lafayette Street with a building being used by cats and they do not look well. If it is private property, we will need reason to take action.

The new copier has arrived and it is being leased.

Last month’s Warden’s Report was approved.

Kent Street location has a cat colony. Three cats were TNR and we are working on three others. Karen is currently feeding the cats that were released.

Our current traps are not allowing us to capture cats at Caswell Cove. Kent Street was easy as cats were hungry. Caswell Cove cats are not starved so it is hard to trap them.

Interviews for open Animal Control officer were held last Wednesday. Don’t know yet who the three remaining candidates are. There were quite a few excellent candidates. Police will notify Scott who the three remaining candidates are. Scott would like to have two Animal Commissioners at the final interviews.

Scott has no idea what is happening with the animal commission projects. Thought it was due to Covid. Cathy will talk to Justin about the status of work orders that Scott submitted.

Priority of work to be done is have Public Works replace the floors.

Motion was made to have the Animal Commission replace the microwave. Motion passed unanimously.

Stove has not been used in quite a while. Previously it was used to boil chicken for sick animals. We can use hot plate instead and have Public Works remove the stove. Animal Commission voted to allocate up to $1,000 for microwave, cabinet, table and chairs. Motion to vote made by Cathy Kamen and seconded by Karen Dorney. Motion carried unanimously. If we purchase table and chairs from Ikea, they would have to be in the system. Would like to talk to Peter (finance director) about making the system more efficient,

Sue got pricing on new washer. Top load washers are preferred instead of front loaders. Animal Commission approved the purchase of a new washer up to $2,000, including delivery, installation and removal.

Future meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Will check with Marilyn first to see if she is available.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Anna Accetta