

Milford Animal Commission Meeting
June 8, 2022

Attendees:

Scott Ellingson (Animal Control)
Sara Nierenberg (Commissioner)
Colby Collier (Commissioner)
Cherie Aronson (Commissioner)
Karen Dorney (Commissioner)
Cathy Kamen (Commissioner)
Sue Stanek (Commissioner) via phone
Marty Foley (guest)
Dave Chula (Police Department)
Garrett Delmonte (Police Department)
Beth Anderson (guest)
Ren Boyer (guest)
Pat Liptak (guest and former ACO)

Meeting called to order at 12:05.

Minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting were approved by Karen and seconded by Cathy.

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

Van may be on its last legs but we don't know for sure. If need be Scott will contact Mayor to see if we can use Orange money toward another van.

We currently have a poodle that will need surgery and the money is not in Animal Control budget (approximately \$5,000). One knee cap is on the side and needs to be moved and then another surgery to remove leg that has scar tissue. Animal Commission unanimously approved the \$5,000.

Scott would like to up petty cash by \$100 and it would come out of Scott's Budget.

Brownie is starting to get aggressive with people. Jen would be best option for Bat Dog but Scott has not heard back from her regarding both dogs. Marc is taking both dogs out for exercise. Susan would like to have a special meeting about these dogs as we are still in the same situation. Scott is waiting for Legal to update our waiver. Sue will email attorneys to get the waiver done. Cathy to look into several dog rescues and give information to Scott to contact them.

Animal Control received thank you note from Marilyn Blake's family for the flowers.

Caswell Cove

Scott said we should come up with a policy to care for feral cats. Marty asked why we have to set up a new policy now. Marty traps feral cats at Caswell Cove and then contacts Animal Control for an F#(feral cat number). Beth has concerns about missing cats and wants to make sure the cats are going to good homes. Pat thinks these cats are the property of the City and trappers should not be taking them away. Marty said these cats are domestic and should have the opportunity to get adopted.

Karen would like to resume trapping cats along with Marty and bring them to the vet, Eliminate the number of cats in the colony, and then have the gazebo taken down. All the trapped cats are going to good homes. Scott said its Trap-Neuter-Release rather than Trap-Neuter-Rehome. Cathy thinks we should do Trap-Neuter-Rehome above all else. Marty also thinks we should have cats' welfare as a first priority.

Dave suggested we put together a policy for trapping. We should have a policy for Caswell Cove at our next meeting.

Karen made a motion to lift moratorium on trapping. Scott will have updated waiver done and then we can resume trapping.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Accetta