Milford Animal Commission Meeting August 10, 2022

Attendees:

Scott Ellingson (Animal Control)
Sara Nierenberg (Commissioner)
Cherie Aronson (Commissioner)
Karen Dorney (Commissioner)
Cathy Kamen (Commissioner)
Sue Stanek (Commissioner via phone)
Marty Foley (guest)
Mark (ACO)
Dan (ACO)

Meeting called to order at 12:25 pm.

Minutes of the July 13, 2022 meeting with approved.

Public Comments – Marty said that Snowflake seems to be a part-time operation making it harder for us to get appointments. She suggested we look for a second vet as a backup but they must give us a discount. Scott said that other vets want payment at time of the service and they do not want to wait to get paid from the city at a later time. Scott also said they are currently using Animal Clinic of Milford as a backup vet.

Mark said that the ACOs work with dogs every day and he feels that some negative comments are being said that they do not know how to do their jobs. The dogs we get usually have behavioral issues. ACOs are also public safety officers. Mark said that owner failed Bat Dog and Brownie. ACOs are doing the best they can working with the dogs with behavioral issues. Cathy feels that all of the ACOs are doing a great job and it is good to hear what they have to say.

A cat was brought to Animal Clinic to be euthanized but Snowflake did not have a vet available at the time. Animal Clinic did a test for free, saw that the cat had cancer, and did euthanization.

Scott reported that Caswell Cove is now down to six cats who live under the gazebo.

The poodle had its back leg amputated as the vet determined that it could not be saved. The dog is now having trouble walking due to balance issues since losing its back leg.

Gary set up a second pet adoption page for Milford Animal Control. Cathy originally set this adoption page up so now it's confusing.

Someone posted on the Facebook page You Know You're From Milford about an injured cat and it got a lot of negative comments on Facebook. Cathy has no update on splash pad fundraiser for dogs.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Anna Accetta