**Milford Animal Commission Meeting**

**September 8, 2020**

**Attendees:**

Marilyn Blake

Karen Dorney

Susan Stanek

Cathy Kamen

Cherie Aronson

This is the first meeting held since the pandemic in March. It was held outdoors and all future summer meetings will be held outdoors.

Marc’s wife had the baby last weekend.

Scott is working alone today. Dan Fiore has been a faithful volunteer over the years and is now seasonal help. Receptionist position is still open. Scott hopes that Dan will be interviewed and hired full time. Chris left at the end of June and Jane left the beginning of May. Shelley is now working 20 hours per week. Mike was temporary receptionist for two months.

Animal Control currently has no dogs at this time. Albert was taken home by his owner and Bart is a pending case.

We had 12-14 cats involved in a hoarding situation. Five have already been adopted and we have others that will need to be adopted. Owner will be taking some of the cats back.

Animal Control currently has three pregnant cats. The third cat had kittens and all of them died as they had deformities. Tender Hearts, a rescue organization, took the mom to bring her back to health. Suggestion made that we may want to make a donation. Sue made motion, seconded by Karen Dorney, that we make a donation of $250 to Tender Hearts. Future donations will be on a case-by-case basis. Other items at Animal Control may be needed that we would donate money for (cages). Kittens need space to play. Building looks a lot better after some renovations, but more needs to be done.

Dog park complaints. Grass has not been mowed in about a month and there are drainage issues. This has been a tough month for DPW with storms and downed trees. Also we are in a pandemic. Marilyn will go to dog park and make a complaint if need be.

Scott would like to get money for a new mower. Animal Control currently mows grass but maybe the city should be asked to do it as building is on city property. Otherwise city should be asked to provide the proper equipment. New mower would be about $1.300-$1,500. Commission will think about this and talk at next meeting. Karen will talk to Scott and then approach city.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Anna Accetta