

## **Agenda**

### **Animal Control Board Meeting**

**Watertown Police Dept. Community Room**

**Thursday, February 7, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Call to order**

**Public Comment**

**Appeal hearing**

- 1. Approval of Agenda**
- 2. Approval of minutes**
- 3. Dangerous Pets Vs. Pets (Ordinance Vicious Dogs)**
- 4. Adjournment**

## **Animal Control Board**

### **Minutes of December 20, 2018 Meeting**

The Watertown Animal Control Board met on December 20, 2018 at the Watertown Police Department Community Room. The meeting was called to order by Mark Rieb at 1:00 pm. Present at the meeting were Mark Rieb, Beth Mantey and Dan Miller. Also attending were Animal Control Officer Chris Christenson, AC Tim Toomey, WPD, and City Attorney Matt Roby. A quorum of the board was present.

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Dan Miller and second by Beth Mantey. Minutes of the November 16, 2018 meeting were approved as written with a motion by Mark Rieb and second by Beth Mantey.

The discussion of revisions to Watertown Ordinance 3.0103 Vicious Dogs continued. City Attorney Matt Roby provided a revised draft which included updated input from the WPD as well as clarified definitions of vicious versus dangerous and the possibility of a category of dog on dog designations. Also included were processes ensuring all stages of investigations were addressed, clear handling and routing instructions, restitution, and a need for the Animal Control Board to remain informed of cases within the city limits.

AC Toomey discussed internal changes to improve and streamline tracking dog bites, citations and follow up. This included his suggested updates and clarifications to the draft ordinance regarding the procedures for initiating an investigation into a dangerous or vicious dog. It was suggested that Law Enforcement Officers be added in several places in the draft where there is shared duties, particularly after hours or when the ACO is off-duty. All agreed to these additions and suggestions.

There was extensive discussion regarding the quarantine of animals at the Humane Society, disregard for public safety in the handling of the quarantine period – primarily securing the animal and exposure to the public.

It was suggested that a WPD form be created that follows a dog throughout the entire process and remains clearly displayed on the locked kennel.

The potential for the ability for the city to contract for 2 dedicated kennels for city use only. The contract could also include feeding and basic care. Matt and Beth were going to investigate that further.

Meeting was adjourned with the next meeting to be on January 24, 2019 at WPD Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Mantey