

## **Animal Control Board**

### **Minutes of April 18, 2019 Meeting**

The Watertown Animal Control Board meet on April 18, 2019 at the Watertown Police Department Conference Room. The meeting was call to order by the Board Member Beth Mantey at 2:00 pm. Members present included Beth Mantey, Dan Miller, Mark Rieb, and Krisma DeWitt. Also attending was the Animal Control Officer Chris Christenson, City Attorney Matt Roby, Police Officer Griffith, and Jena and Steven Nigg.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear and decide upon an appeal to a Vicious Dog declaration. Dr. Mark Rieb excused himself from voting on the appeal due to the fact that the dog was one of his clients.

The Board listened to Officer Griffith's report of the event and also to information provided by the Niggs. After discussion and hearing of the evidence, a motion to rescind the Vicious Dog declaration was made by Krisma DeWitt with a second by Beth Mantey. The motion was passed unanimously and the dog was released to the Niggs. The hearing was concluded.

Discussion on revisions to the existing ordinances was continued. Matt Roby provided an article for consideration titled "Cultivating Canine Civility: IML's Model Dangerous Dog Ordinance" from Municipal Lawyer, Volume 60, No. 2 March-April 2019, pgs. 6-13. Members of the board were asked to review this article before our next meeting to continue discussion and revision of existing ordnance.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm

The next meeting will be on May 16, 2:00 pm at the Watertown Police Department Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Krisma DeWitt