

Animal Control Board

Minutes of July 26, 2018 Meeting

The Watertown Animal Control Board met on July 26, 2018 at the Watertown Police Department Community Room. The meeting was called to order by Mark Rieb at 2:00 pm. Present at the meeting were Mark Rieb, Beth Mantey, Dan Miller and Krisma DeWitt. Also attending were Animal Control Officer Chris Christenson, Councilman Glen Villhauer, City Attorney Matt Roby, and Sheamus Culhane.

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Dan Miller and second by Beth Mantey. The approval also included the comment that an additional item titled "public comment" will be added to future agendas. Minutes of the June 28, 2018 meeting were approved as amended 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 and discussion ensued with several minor changes to the proposed draft. Comments on the revised draft were positive noting that the items discussed at the previous meeting had been included. Additional items of discussion included ensuring process at all stages 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. The Board asked for clarified definitions of vicious versus dangerous and the possibility of a category of dog on dog designations.

Matt Roby will work on modifying the draft ordinance to address concerns of the board and will provide a revised draft for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm with the next meeting to be on August 23, 2018, 2:00 pm at the Bramble Zoo.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Krisma DeWitt