

## **Animal Control Board**

### **Minutes of August 23, 2018 Meeting**

The Watertown Animal Control Board met on August 23, 2018 at the Bramble Zoo Offices. The meeting was called to order by Mark Rieb at 2:00 pm. Present at the meeting were Mark Rieb, Dan Miller and Krisma DeWitt. Also attending was Animal Control Officer Chris Christenson.

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Dan Miller and second by Mark Rieb. Minutes of the June 28, 2018 meeting were approved as amended with a motion by Mark Rieb and second by Krisma DeWitt.

The discussion of revisions to Watertown Ordinance 3.0103 Vicious Dogs continued. City Attorney Matt Roby had provided another revised draft of the ordinance and discussion ensued. Discussion centered on two definitions: that of vicious dog and dangerous dog. Mark Rieb provided proposals for definitions of these two designations plus a definition of "serious injury". The board decided to refer these definitions to Matt Roby for consideration for inclusion in the draft ordinance. The definitions to be referred to Matt are:

"Serious injury" means an injury having a reasonable potential to cause death or any injury other than a sprain or strain, including serious disfigurement, serious impairment of health, or serious impairment of bodily function and requiring significant medical attention.

"Vicious dog" mean a canine or canine crossbreed that has (i) killed a person, (ii) inflicted serious injury to a person, or (iii) continued to exhibit the behavior that resulted in a previous finding by a court or by an animal control officer as authorized by ordinance that it is a dangerous dog, provided that its owner has been given notice of that finding.

"Dangerous dog" means a (i) a canine or canine crossbreed that has bitten, attacked, or inflicted injury on a companion animal or killed a companion animal; (ii) a canine or canine crossbreed that has bitten, attached, or inflicted a non-serious injury on a person.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm with the next meeting to be on September 27 September, 2018, 2:00 pm at the Bramble Zoo.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Krisma DeWitt