



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Second Floor Conference Room
Monday, April 24, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

- Members Present:** Kevin Collins, Bill Urquhart
- Members Absent:** Marion Ignoffo
- Staff Present:** Community Service Officer K. Poirier, Recording Secretary I. Feiereisel
- Others Present:** 14 Maine South Students

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

- I. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. There was a quorum.
- II. Approve Minutes** – Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Collins seconded. The motion passed.

III. Action Items

1. Review Case #17-00750

The following persons indicated their presence: offending dog owner Ms. Mary Ranke and Mr. Charles Petruzzi. Commissioner Collins summarized the report and asked the owners to provide their summary. Ms. Ranke provided this summary: she and her grandson, Maxwell, were playing in the snow in their backyard, the dog got excited and nipped Maxwell in the leg. She described the bite as a pin prick, no bleeding. She treated it with Neosporin and a band aid.

The victim was not present.

Commissioner Collins asked who completed the police report. Ms. Ranke responded her ex daughter-in-law. Commissioner Urquhart asked how old the dog was, if it has bitten before and if he has had obedience training. Ms. Ranke and Mr. Petruzzi responded that the dog, Nitti was 10 years old, has attended obedience class. He has had one bite incident many years ago.

Commissioner Collins re-summarized the incident and made a motion to dismiss the case, Commissioner Urquhart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Review Case #17-00801

The following persons indicated their presence: Ms. Carole Saliture the offending dog's owner. Commissioner Collins summarized the report and asked Ms. Saliture to provide her summary. Ms. Saliture stated this took place at her resale shop. She did not see the dog bite the victim. The incident happened at the front door of her store and she was not in the front of the store.

The dog is a nine year old Chihuahua and has no bite incidents and no formal obedience training. She added she no longer brings the dog to the store.

The victim was not present.

Commissioner Collins stated he would like to give the victim an opportunity describe the incident and would like to continue this case. Commission Urquhart agreed. This case will be continued to the May meeting.

Review Case #17-01031

The following persons indicated their presence: offending dog owner Zach Keleman. He provided this summary of the incident, the victim dog was defecating on his parkway. While he was at his door, the harness that his dog was in broke. The victim's owner was yelling, and at this time, he did not know of a bite. Commissioner Urquhart noted that Mr. Keleman paid the veterinarian bill for the victim. Commissioner Collins asked why the owner denied the incident when the reporting officer initially called. Mr. Keleman stated that he did know of the wound at the time. Commission Urquhart asked the age of the dog and if there were any prior bites. Mr. Keleman responded the dog is 5 years old and has no prior incidents.

Commissioner Collins stated he would like to give the owners of the victim dog an opportunity to describe the incident. Commissioner Urquhart agreed. This case will be continued to the May meeting.

Mr. Keleman inquired as to why this should be continued since he paid for the citation and made restitution with the owner. He thought the incident was complete. Commissioner Collins explained the Animal Commission's role and processes. Commissioner Urquhart provided the "at risk" and "dangerous dog" category descriptions.

IV. Discussion

Commissioner Collins read a letter received from a resident related to skunks and raccoons. This letter will be forwarded to resident's Alderman.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

Commissioner Collins asked how to start the process of reviewing the current ordinance related fines and if a dog bites another dog or a dog bites a human. Recording Secretary I. Feiereisel stated she will get information related to updating the ordinance.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.