



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Second Floor Conference Room
Monday, February 2, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

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Members Present: Peg Morrisroe & Bill Urquhart
Members Absent: MaryAnn Gobbo
Staff Present: CSO Poirier and Recording Secretary K. Hodge
Others Present: None

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

- I. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. Chairwoman MaryAnn Gobbo was absent.
- II. Approve Minutes** – Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Action Items**

1. **Review Case #14-26259**

Commissioner Morrisroe summarized police report. Commissioner Urquhart clarified that the victim did not want a citation issued, but the police report had to be completed.

Ms. Cindy Moskal, the dog owner, stated that she was walking her dogs down Lincoln and saw a group of three people, one of which was the victim, walking across the way. She turned down Western, bent down to clean up after her other dog, and suddenly the group was by her on Western. Her other dog barked, and the offending dog, Slate, became startled and nipped at the victim. Ms. Moskal stated this is the first time anything like this happened, and she thinks it was a protection response. Her dogs are up-to-date with their Rabies vaccinations.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if Ms. Moskal walks the dogs on an extendable leash, and Ms. Moskal said she does. Commissioner Morrisroe stated that those leashes make it easier to lose control of the dog. Commissioner Urquhart said technically all dogs need to be walked on a 6 foot leash. The commissioners further recommended using a y-shaped leash or a brace-type leash.

Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to not consider the dog “at risk” and dismiss the case. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded. Motion carried.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed that Slate was not “at-risk” or “dangerous.” The case was dismissed.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.