



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Second Floor Conference Room
Monday, February 17, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

- I. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. Commissioner Urquhart was absent.
- II. Approve Minutes** – Commissioner Morrisroe made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2014 meeting. Chairwoman Gobbo seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Action Items**
 1. **Review Case #14-00836 (Continued from January 27, 2014 Meeting)**

Commissioner Morrisroe asked for clarification as to the breed of the dog. It is mostly beagle and is neutered.

Ms. Rosaria Guagliardo, the victim, stated that the first time an (undocumented) incident occurred, the dog attacked her leg when she went to move the dogs food with her foot. The second time, she was sitting on the couch, possibly in the dogs “spot” and the dog, unprovoked, bit her.

Ms. Angelina Guagliardo, the dog owner, stated that she and her brother own the dog. They have had the dog since it was a puppy. The dog is a year old at this time. The owner has been in and out of the hospital for the past year, so she has been unable to give the dog much exercise or training. She took it to training when she initially bought the dog. She does plan on going to obedience classes again.

Chairwoman Gobbo explained what she should expect from a puppy obedience class. She added that her initial diagnosis would be that the dog is territorial with food and toys and that it bites out of fear. She provided the owner suggestions for obedience classes.

Commissioner Morrisroe noted that the level of aggression that the dog is already experiencing can escalate and affect others (friends, guests, etc). She added that

if the owner is unable to care for the dog and the family is not willing to help, the owner should consider giving the dog away.

The Commissioners discussed obedience training locations.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.