



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Monday, December 16, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: MaryAnn Gobbo, Bill Urquhart & Peg Morrisroe

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: CSO Poirier and Recording Secretary K. Delk

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call - Roll Call was taken. All members were present.

II. Approve Minutes – Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 25, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded. The motion passed.

III. Action Items

1. Review Case #13-24282

Ms. Jozwiak stated that while she was speaking with the dog owner, who was out walking her two dogs, she began to interact with the smaller of the two dogs and while doing so, the larger dog came from behind and bit her on the upper thigh.

Mr. Joe Bailey stated that his dog, Badger, is a four year old neutered male and is up to date with his shots. Lately, they have noticed that he has become very protective of their other female dog.

Ms. Bailey stated that Badger attended “puppy school” and also received some additional training. She recently contacted a trainer for a training consult as a result of this bite.

Commissioner Urquhart asked if Badger had ever bit anyone before. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey both responded said that something like this has never happened and he is very good with people and other dogs.

The Commissioners agreed that this was an isolated incident and agreed that Stella was not “at-risk” or “dangerous.” They agreed to dismiss the case.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

The Commissioners would like Staff to re-draft the initial letter that is sent out to the victim and dog owner notifying them of the meeting. They would like it to be clearer that their attendance is important in order to make their case.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.