



## MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting  
Second Floor Conference Room  
Monday, December 19, 2016  
6:00 p.m.**

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**Members Present:** Kevin Collins, Bill Urquhart

**Members Absent:** Marion Ignoffo

**Staff Present:** Administrative Supervisor R. Davis, Recording Secretary I. Feiereisel

**Others Present:** Maine South Student - Observer

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

**I. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. Marion Ignoffo was absent. There was a quorum.

**II. Approve Minutes** – Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Urquhart seconded. The motion passed.

**III. Action Items**

**1. Review Case #16-03340**

The following persons indicated their presence: dog owners Mr. Wayne Ewald, Liz Ewald, Christine Ewald, Dawn Ewald. Commissioner Collins summarized the report and then asked the Owner, Wayne Ewald to provide his summary. He clarified that the dogs were not on a retractable leash as described in the report. He stated he was trying to avoid the other dog, but the victim's owner continued to walk toward him. While Mr. Ewald was trying to control his two dogs, shortening the range of the leash and tightening his hold, they pulled him down. He stated the dogs were barking but he could not see if there was any biting due to the fact the dogs had pulled him to the ground.

The victim's wife, Mrs. Menicocci then arrived at the meeting. She stated her husband was walking their dog and did approach Mr. Ewald with his dog. Mr. Menicocci did have scratch, but it is unclear where it was from. The victim dog had a bite on the chest, which started to bleed later on. This required stitches. Mrs. Menicocci stated she felt her husband was somewhat to blame for the incident.

Commissioner Collins noted the offending dogs have no prior incidences and Mr. Ewald was trying to avoid walking by the other dog. Commissioner Urquhart added that retractable leashes are illegal and it is good the offending dogs were not on one.

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

**2. Review Case #16-03359**

The following persons indicated their presence: Mr. John Gremer and Jessica Gremer, dog owners, Connie Walker and Jeff Ridge, friends of the owners. Commissioner Collins summarized the report. Mr. Gremer stated the dog was a gift from his daughter and it is a mixed breed, Stafford terrier mix, named Chaos. He stated the dog is well behaved. His brother took the dog off leash and the dog was retrieving a ball and got mixed up with the victim dog. The victim dog was running with its owner and was on a leash at this time. It was described the offending dog was reacting to the dog running by, a situational incident. Ms. Walker and Mr. Ridge attested to Chaos' good temperament with their dogs and children. Mr. Gremer stated he paid the related veterinarian bills and was apologetic. The victim's owner requested no citation be issued. Mr. Gremer added he takes this situation very seriously and will comply with all suggested practices, such as fencing, training, or muzzling.

Commissioner Collins thanked Mr. Gremer taking responsibility and reiterated the victim's owner did not want citations issued.

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

**IV. Discussion**

None.

**V. Old Business**

None.

**VI. New Business**

A letter from a resident was received by Commissioner Collins regarding a skunk issue. This letter will be passed on to the Alderman of the related ward.

**VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.