

Task Force on Humane Treatment of animals in Municipal and Regional Shelters

March 2, 2018

Members Present: Chairman Michael Freda, Paula Poplawski, Mark Bailey, Sgt. Paula Keller, Laura Burban

Members Absent: Edward O'Brien, Ray Connors, Dr. Gayle Block, Cynthia Theran

Calling the Meeting to Order:

Chairman Freda convened the meeting at 2:12 pm

Member Introduction:

Chairman Freda asked that the members introduce themselves.

Chairman Freda then reminded the audience that if they wish to speak, they can sign up with the task-force administrator.

Review of the Minutes:

Chairman Freda then asked if there were any revisions to the minutes from the February 2nd meeting. There were no revisions from the members.

There was a motion to accept the minutes made by Mark Bailey seconded by Laura Burban.

Chairman's remarks:

Chairman Freda then provided a short update on the state of the task-force and the procedure for which the task-force will be recommissioned in the 2018 legislative session.

New Business:

Chairman Freda moved on to the updates from the sub-committee.

Mark Bailey provided an update for his sub-committee.

Including updates from the sub-committee regarding the inclement weather tethering recommendation and updates to CGS 22-332B.

Mark Bailey also stated that the task-force recommendations HB 5355 and SB349 would be heard by the environment committee on March 9th.

Laura Burban provided an overview the language changes in these bills compared to the language the task-force supplied as part of their recommendations.

Laura Burban also provided some updates on Animal Control Officers legislative suggestions for the task-force to look into.

Mark Bailey agreed with the proposal to review the quarantining to biting dogs statutes.

Sgt. Paula Keller provided an overview of the issues her sub-committee is reviewing. These issues included the seizure of animals by police officers, the notification of municipal Animal Control Officer's upon issuance of a private kennel license, and small amendments to CGS 22-329.

Sgt. Keller also stated that her sub-committee was reviewing shelter adoption procedures and animal euthanasia requirements in municipal shelters, Found animal shelter notification requirements, and the fine amount for unvaccinated pets and/or roaming dogs.

Mark Bailey suggested that the task-force members be sure to submit written testimony on the task-force bills if they are unable to testify in person.

Laura Burban thanked Sgt. Keller for her work on the task-force recommendations.

Mark Bailey stated the importance of Sgt. Keller relaying her knowledge to the legislature as the task-force bills go through the process.

Chairman Freda asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Chairman Freda then announced that the next meeting of the task-force would be Friday, April 6th.

Adjournment: