



## **ANIMAL CONTROL WORKING GROUP**

### **DECEMBER 9, 2020**

### **MINUTES**

Meeting was held via Zoom.

In Attendance: Councilor Judy Spiller, David Wrocklage (Parks Rep), Michael Johns, Mary Thron, Ryan Bailey, Kim Miller, Sally Soule, Kit Grimm, Kendra Amaral (Town Manager), Chief Robert Richter (Police), Officer Robert Byrnes (Animal Control Officer)

#### **1. Introductions**

- Judy will lead the group.

#### **2. Develop Objectives**

- The objectives are not to ban dogs or to allow dogs to run free at all times.
- Whatever is developed must be fair, consistent, and enforceable.
- The timeline is relatively open ended, though the goal is to have something in place by May ideally. This group will likely meet about a half a dozen times.
- External communication should be coordinated through Judy and Town Manager.
- The Working Group agrees an interim communication to the public and Council is needed and should focus on what is being worked on and gathering feedback.

#### **3. Determine Timeline and Process**

- Generally noted the background information provided to the Working Group.
- Kendra provided an overview of the Right to Know Law.
- Members discussed what they thought should be focus of their recommendations including dogs on leash, dog waste, and enforcement.

#### **4. Next Steps**

- Action Items
  - Sally and Kit will generate an “issues” matrix to help define what should be focused on and track how we propose resolving each issue.
  - Judy and Kendra will provide a summary of the rules including Titles 6 and 12 (already provided), Fort Foster rules, and Conservation rules.
  - David and Ryan will compile examples of animal control rules from other communities.
- Next Meeting
  - January 4 at 5PM via Zoom.