

CT MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2023

CALLED TO ORDER: President Rashba called the meeting to order at 1911 hrs

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: President Rashba, Vice President Selig, Secretary Pflugbeil

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Judy Umstead, Linda Wenner, Melody Sandquist, Nick Paproski, Jen Abalan-Kershaw, Alisha Maldonado, Cynthia Wilcox, Cheryl Gagnon, Angelique Fitzmorris, Gina Gambino, Gary Wilson, Monica Vece, Nicole Bartlett, Cynthia Wilcox, Helen Lee, Emily Higgins, Dana Natrillo, Dave Carney, Owen Little, Sarah Roberts, Barbara Godejohn

NEW BUSINESS: President Rashba we had a single nomination for Webmaster position which is. Monica Vece. **MOTION:** Chrystal Rashba **SECONDED:** Ryan Selig

We need volunteers for our Conference Committee. They are Linda Wenner, Nick Paproski, Dana Natrillo, Monica Vece, Sarah Roberts, Barbara Godejohn. Thank you all.

Treasurer Eliza Blaum has resigned. We need nominations. Please submit your nomination by 02/08/23 to info@ctaco.org. We will have a meeting to vote on this matter on 02/15/23.

FOIA Request from Kristine Cormier sent out to all ACO's in the state. Kristine is a volunteer with Animal Haven and retired from the State Juvenile Dept. President Rashba reports she spoke with Kristine and Kristine is willing to meet with us. She said she is trying to support ACO's and is tired of ACO's being put on the back burner. We want dialog. Kristine would like to hear what we need. Nick said he thinks we should ask Kristine how much time she needs to speak with us and the topics she will address prior to setting a meeting date. Cheryl Gagnon points out FOI is law, and we must follow the rules for it. We cannot just say we won't do it.

Legislative Update: Chuck said to watch for some new bills up in this session. HB5851 to revamp animal cruelty law, In Senate, 567 Post Certification-Law Enforcement. Dispatchers added as first responders. Also watch for HB 5945, HB 5949, HB 5950

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION Ryan Selig at 1936 hrs **SECONDED** Dave Carney