

The Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2017

1. The regular meeting of the Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals was called to order at 1:00 PM in the Legislative Office Building (LOB) Room 206 by Chairperson Trish Morris, Esq.

- **Members Present:**

- Patricia Morris, Chair, Center Barnstead, Equine Association
- Kristi Atherton, Center Barnstead, NH Farm Bureau Federation
- Senator Regina Birdsell, Hampstead, NH State Senate
- Cynthia Collins, Newmarket, General Public
- George Cook, Jefferson, NH Musher's Association / Dog Owners of the Granite State
- Marga Coulp, Dover, General Public
- Steven Crawford, Hopkington, State Veterinarian-(Excused)
- Tom DeRosa, Manchester, General Public Present
- Jennifer Eber, Deering, General Public Present
- Marylee Gorman-Waterman, Laconia, NH Federation of Humane Organizations
- Lindsay Hamrick, Concord, National Humane Association – (Excused)
- Sheila Johannesen, Hampstead/Danville, Animal Control Officers Association of New Hampshire
- Gary Lambert, Nashua, NH Sportsmen
- Wendy Munroe, Newmarket, NH Veterinary Technician Association Present
- Representative John O'Connor, Derry, NH House of Representatives
- Dot Perkins, Pittsfield, UNH Cooperative Extension
- Chief Dean Roudreau, Wolfeboro, NH Police Chiefs Association- (Excused)
- Jane Barlow Roy, Bow, NH Veterinary Medical Association
- Tom Seymour, Franklin, General Public
- Steven Sprowl, Milton, Humane Cruelty Investigator
- Sheriff Brian Valerino, Berlin, NH Sheriff's Association
- Jerilee Zezula, Madbury, General Public- (Excused)

Public Present: Heather Faria, Executive Director at Pope Memorial SPCA; Rob Johnson, legislative aide to NH Farm Bureau; Christine Synder

2. Minutes of September 11, 2017 were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as amended by George Cook, Seconded by Representative O'Connor Motion passed.
3. Chair Morris touched on the newest court motion regarding the "Great Dane Case". The court motion views animals in a different way than the past.

4. Amend Executive Order Discussions:

1. Dr. Barlow discussed the meeting she attended regarding the amendments of Chapter 644:8 Cruelty to Animals-Discussion.. That next meeting regarding this will be Oct. 24th with Senator Bradley. She stated that the Chapter 437, Sale of Pets and Disposition of Unclaimed Animals, that there are still issues with the definition of "Commercial Kennel". And that "altering of Health Certificates" was added in.
2. Representative John O'Connor stated he also attended the same meeting as Dr. Barlow. His concerns were they needed to list the needs not only on paper but how it would be carried out. Legality was another one of his concerns. He also spoke of the definition issues.
3. Chair Morris asked the Commission for their input to the proposed changes with Chapter 437, Sale of Pets and Disposition of Unclaimed Animals. Each member in attendance spoke.

- Gary Lambert, Nashua, NH Sportsmen- No Concerns
- Dr. Jane Barlow Roy, NH Veterinary Medical Association - had concerns
- Marylee Gorman-Waterman, Laconia, NH Federation of Humane Organizations- Concerns about inspections "as needed"- not in favor
- Kristi Atherton Center Barnstead, NH Farm Bureau Federation- Opposes
- Sheila Johannesen- Hampstead/Danville- ACOANH- Neutral
- Cynthia Collins, Newmarket General Public - Seems wonderful and supports
- Steven Sprowl, Milton, Humane Cruelty Investigator-Supports the Commercial Kennel wording, but lack of tracking in changing statute
- George Cook, Jefferson, NH Musher's Association / Dog Owners of the Granite State- Opposes changes 437, who falls under it by 5 or more
- Tom Seymour, Franklin, General Public-Not support
- Sheriff Brian Valerino, Berlin, NH Sheriff's Association-Neutral
- Dot Perkins, Pittsfield, UNH Cooperative Extension-Does not support changes
- Marga Coulp, Dover-General Public- Supports changes, funding, Training
- Patricia Morris, Chair, Center Barnstead, Equine Association-Will type her's up

4. Chair Morris asked the Commission for their input to the proposed changes with Chapter 644:8 Cruelty of Animals. Each member in attendance spoke.

- Representative John O'Connor, Derry, NH House of Representatives- Questioned the if it was legal and the due process- Neutral at this time
- Cynthia Collins, Newmarket, General Public- No Due process and also questions the legal issues
- Gary Lambert, Nashua, NH Sportsmen-No issues, but questioned the wild animal in trap, opposes bill
- Dr. Jane Barlow Roy, NH Veterinary Medical Association neutral, issues with veterinarians need to be present for large animals, questions the week/weekends if no one is available.
- Marylee Gorman-Waterman, Laconia, NH Federation of Humane Organizations- support as a member of NH Federation
- Kristi Atherton Center Barnstead, NH Farm Bureau Federation- Opposes
- Sheila Johannesen-Hampstead/Danville- ACOANH- Neutral
- Steven Sprowl, Milton, Humane Cruelty Investigator-Neutral pros/cons

- George Cook, Jefferson, NH Musher's Association / Dog Owners of the Granite State- Opposes changes , HB 624 prior to conviction
 - Tom Seymour, Franklin, General Public-Opposes
 - Sheriff Brian Valerino, Berlin, NH Sheriff's Association-Neutral
 - Dot Perkins, Pittsfield, UNH Cooperative Extension-Does not support changes, believes in education of the public, puts vets in a bad situation
 - Marga Coulp-General Public Neutral, concerns of unconstitutional
 - Wendy Munroe- NH Veterinary Technician Association- Neutral, questions if enforceable
 - Patricia Morris, Chair, Center Barnstead, Equine Association-Will type hers up
5. Discussion of Decals: Motion to table discussion, Dr. Barlow motion to table. Motion 2nd by Sheila Johannesen. Motion carried to table discussion
 6. Governor's Commission of Human Treatment of Animals/ Public Presentation Protocol- Chair Morris asked the Commission if they reviewed or had any changes to the document. Motion to adopt the October 2017 Public Presentation Protocol was made by George Cook. Motion 2nd by Rep. O'Connor. Motion carried.
 7. Sub-Committees Reports-
 - Animal Cruelty cases and convictions (Johannesen/Sprowl/Chief Rondeau)
 - Tracking databases- NHFED (Lindsay/Gorman)
 8. Dr. Barlow spoke about upcoming legislations. HB 2688 regarding animal welfare; HB 2636 regarding custody of animals & animal cruelty cases. Chair Morris will get a copy of the list and send it out to the Commission.
 9. Commission discussed trainings on different websites that can be found some that are ongoing trainings.
 10. Pig Scramble/ Deerfield Fair Grounds- Christine Snyder attended the Commission meeting and requested to speak to the Commission regarding pig scrambles.. The Commission acknowledged and agreed to let Christine Snyder speak. Several members of the Commission shared their thoughts on the subject.
 11. Next Meeting- November 20th, 2017

Motion to adjourn by Steve Sprowl. Motion 2nd by Marga Coulp General Public Motion carried

NEXT MEETING
November 20TH, 2017

Minutes Submitted by

Sheila Johannesen

Commission Member

Approved November 20th 2017