

# The Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals

## Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2020

### Call to Order: Role Call

- Regular meeting of the Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals was called to order at 1:02 pm in Room 206 of the Legislative Office Building (LOB) by Chair, Trish Morris.

### Members Present

- Patricia Morris, Chairperson & Equine Association
- Chief Dean Rondeau, NH Association of Chiefs of Police
- Marga Coulp – General Public
- Gary Lambert – NH Sportsmen
- Julia Seeley – National Humane Organization & Secretary
- Representative John O'Connor (R-Derry) – NH House of Representatives
- Sheila Johannsen, ACO Association of NH
- George Cook – NH Musher's Association & Dog Owners of the Granite State
- Wendy Munroe – NH Veterinary Technician Association
- Steven Sprowl – Humane Cruelty Investigator
- Tom Seymour – General Public
- Dr. Jeri Zezula – General Public
- Jennifer Eber – General Public
- Morgan Eastman: Legal Intern

### Members Absent

- Senator Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead) – NH State Senate
- Dr. Steven Crawford, State Veterinarian
- Sheriff Mike Moyer – NH Sheriff's Association
- Kristi Atherton – NH Farm Bureau Federation
- Heather Faria, NH Federation of Humane Organizations
- Jane Barlow Roy – NH Veterinary Medical Association
- Cynthia Collins – General Public
- Tom DeRosa – General Public

### Public Present

- Jack Hurley – General Public (Claremont)
- Kristina Snyder- General Public (Chester)

### Discussion and Approval of December Minutes

- Motion made by Chief Rondeau, seconded Tom Seymour and all were in favor to accept the minutes as written.
- **Next Steps:** Jeri to post on the website.

### Animal Cruelty Cases:

- Fey – Supreme Court hearing Feb 12 9:00 am, .live stream
- Steve- 14 day notice law- prosecutor says they seized the animals they are not confiscated- Claremont, NHSPCA has 5 of them- misdemeanors, prosecutor –

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### **Right to Know Law: Attorney Jon (JD) Lavallee, AG's Office**

- handouts, attendees, motions made and failed- final actions recorded, general description.
- Must have available to the Public informal minutes within 5 days -does not require they are posted that fast. We can note they are DRAFT- cannot hold it to approve it.
- Post agenda going forward. (request of public but we only need a 24 hour meeting notice and no agenda is required)
- Email – any substantive conversations, no vote via email (cannot ratify in public session)- applies to a quorum only,
- Conference call- should not occur however Provided there is a physical quorum at the meeting location- you can use a conference call system
- Remote- not physically count to quorum but can quorum for voting
- Possibly get a free email address (@gov cmmiss)
- Administrative logistics do not require RTK laws
- Point person and one to one communications for reports/manual etc

### **2020 LSRs- Overview of new LSRs and retained 2019**

- See attached voting grid

### **Commission Manual/Protocol Updates**

#### **Public Comments**

- Jack Hurley expressed his thanks for the opportunity to attend the Commission's meeting and appreciation that there is a body working to provide clarity on protocols and procedures to ensure they are clear and consistent. He looks forward to attending future meetings.
- HE asked to have the draft minutes and the agenda posted prior to meetings.

Judicial Council: Jennifer Eber. The next meeting is Friday, January 31, 2020 and will take up the Commission's proposed court rules on animal law cases.

Trish also reported on her meeting (Jan 8) with the Governor's Office. They will be contacting the NH FB to replace Kristi Atherton, who has indicated her desire to resign. They will also reach out for the UNH Coop Ext. They would like a more current/regular bulletpoint update on the legislation before the LOB and Senate. Trish will do that after each meeting- a rough outline of Commission position on the LSRs. There is no feedback yet on the report we submitted last Spring. Trish will follow up.

The next regular meeting of the Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals will be on Monday, February 24 at 1:00 pm in the Legislative Office Building (LOB) – Room 206

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. (Rondeau/Sprowl)

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Morris, Chair.

**Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals  
Bill Tracking Sheet**

Vote Date	12/16/2019	12/16/2019	12/16/2019	1/27/2020	1/27/2020	1/27/2020	1/27/2020	1/27/2020	1/27/2020	1/27/2020	1/27/2020	1/27/2020	1/27/2020	1/27/2020	1/27/2020
<b>INDIVIDUAL/GROUP</b>	<b>HB 0371</b>	<b>HB 0376</b>	<b>HB 0501</b>	<b>HB 1542</b>	<b>HB 1123</b>	<b>HB 1387</b>	<b>HB 1388</b>	<b>HB 1560</b>	<b>HB 1630</b>	<b>HB 1602</b>	<b>HB 1389</b>	<b>HB 1164</b>	<b>HB 1683</b>	<b>HB 1449</b>	
Patricia Morris, Chair, Equine Association	Absent	Absent	Absent	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Kristi Atherton, NH Farm Bureau Federation	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Senator Regina Birdsell, NH State Senate	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Cynthia Collins, General Public	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
George Cook, NH Musher's Assoc/Dog Owners of the Granite State	Absent	Absent	Absent	Oppose	Monitor	Oppose	Oppose	Monitor	Support	Oppose	Monitor	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	
Marga Coulp, General Public	Oppose	Support	Support	Monitor	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Monitor	Support	Oppose	Oppose	
Steve Crawford, State Veterinarian	Absent	Absent	Absent	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Tom DeRosa, General Public	Oppose	Support	Support	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Jennifer Eber, General Public	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Monitor	Support	Support	Support	
Heather Faria, NH Federation of Humane Organizations	Oppose	Support	Support	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Sheila Johannesen, Animal Control Officers Association of NH	Oppose	Support	Support	Monitor	Support	Monitor	Monitor	Support	Oppose	Support	Monitor	Support	Oppose	Support	
Gary Lambert, NH Sportsmen	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Support	Monitor	Monitor	Oppose	Monitor	
Sheriff Michael Moyer, NH Sheriff's Association	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Wendy Munroe, NH Veterinary Technician Association	Oppose	Support	Support	Monitor	Support	Monitor	Monitor	Support	Oppose	Support	Monitor	Support	Monitor	Monitor	
Representative John O'Connor, NH House of Representatives	Support	Support	Support	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	
Chief Dean Rondeau, NH Police Chiefs Association	Absent	Absent	Absent	Oppose	Support	Monitor	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Monitor	Support	Support	Support	
Jane Barlow Roy, NH Veterinary Medical Association	Monitor	Support	Monitor	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Julia Seeley, National Humane Association	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Monitor	Monitor	Support	Support	Oppose	
Tom Seymour, General Public	Oppose	Support	Support	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Monitor	Oppose	Support	Monitor	
Steven Sprowl, Humane Cruelty Investigator	Absent	Absent	Absent	Support	Support	Monitor	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Monitor	Support	Oppose	Oppose	
Jerilee Zezula, General Public	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Monitor	Monitor	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose	Monitor	Monitor	Support	Oppose	Oppose	

<b>Support =</b>	1	10	9	3	7	3	6	9	1	8	0	8	4	3
<b>Monitor =</b>	3	2	3	6	4	6	3	2	1	2	11	1	1	3
<b>Oppose =</b>	8	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	9	1	0	2	6	5
<b>Majority =</b>	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Monitor	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Monitor	Support	Oppose	Oppose
<b>Minority =</b>	Support			Oppose	Oppose	Op/Sup	Oppose		Support	Oppose	Monitor	Support	Support	Support

**NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, position of "monitor" indicates bill does not apply to individual/group or changes are planned in bill.**