



Animal Control

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City Clerk

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

3:30 PM

Ante Room

Call to Order

3:30 PM Meeting called to order on May 2, 2018 at Ante Room, City Hall, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
City Clerk		Present	

hearing

The following members of the committee were present: City Clerk Anthony Wilson, Officer Keith Fleming, Veronica Johns, City Councilor Melvin Edwards.

Also present were Pam Peebles, Director of Animal Control, and Peter Goonan, from the Republican Newspaper.

1. Emergency Euthanization Hearing for "Missy" who is Currently Impounded at TJO

Please accept this email as a formal request for a hearing on the status of "Missy" who is currently impounded at TJO. It is our understanding, per the original hearing order, that "Missy" is not to roam loose and this violation may result in euthanasia. Attached you will find recent relevant information. If you need more details or the entire history, including reports from 2016, please let me know.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The hearing was opened at 3:40 pm. Meaghan Scott, the owner of the "Missy", did not appear. She was sent a letter by the City Clerk's office two weeks before the hearing and animal control attempted to reach out to her on several occasions prior to the hearing.

Ms. Peebles gave the following report:

"Missy" (and "Envy") declared Dangerous by Dog Hearing Committee in 2016 after dogs were loose from yard and bit Mr. Stone.

On 1/23/17 "Missy" was found roaming loose again in the area of Central Street and impounded at TJO. As roaming loose was a violation of the original Hearing Order, TJO pursued a follow-up hearing on 2/8/17 at which time "Missy" was ordered to be euthanized.

On 2/23/17 a court order was issued overturning the euthanasia order and ordering the return of "Missy" to her owner Meaghan Scott.

On 3/30/17 a letter was mailed to Meaghan Scott advising her to relicense her dogs for 2017.

On 5/1/17 a message was left on Scott's voicemail advising her the license renewal period was expiring and she needed to relicense her dogs.

On 6/7 /17 a citation was issued for failure to comply with licensing requirements.

On 4/17/18 TJO received a call that two dogs, "Missy" and "Rosy" (a Rottweiler also owned by Scott) were loose and charging residents leaving a church service. Both dogs were found loose and impounded at TJO. "Rosy" was returned to the custody of Scott's partner; "Missy" remains impounded as TJO understands this to be an additional violation of the original Hearing Order; pending hearing.

At the conclusion of her statement the board voted unanimously to find that this was the second time that Ms. Scott had violated paragraph 5 of the Committee's April 27, 2016 order which states:

"Missy and Envy must be on a harness and muzzled at all times when off the property owned by [Meaghan Scott]."

The Committee ordered that Missy be euthanized.

Activity Card

A18-046486-2		STRAY/ROAM	Priority Level: 3	Total Animals: 2	Animal Type: DOG
Activity Address: 364 CENTRAL ST					
Activity Comment: TONIE REPORTED LEAVING CHURCH AND THE ROTTY JUMPED THE FENCE AND STARTED C					
Owner Information:					
'029069		MEAGHAN SCOTT 341 CENTRAL ST [REDACTED]			
Caller Information:					
'002473		TONIE HICKS 77 KNOX ST SPRINGFIELD MA 01105 [REDACTED]			
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Communication: Emergency Euthanization Hearing for "Missy" who is Currently Impounded at TJO (hearing)

A brief synopsis of 341 Central/"Missy" history

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