Minutes of the Town of Dover Board of Health Meeting – January 21, 2020

Present: Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Stephen Kruskall, M.D., member

Absent: Dr. Joseph Musto, member

Guests: Christine Burns

1. Meeting called to order at 10:34 am.

2. On a motion by Professor Clarke and seconded by Dr. Kruskall, the meeting minutes of December 30, 2019 were unanimously approved.

3. On a motion by Professor Clarke and seconded by Dr. Kruskall, the Board voted to establish a Special Committee to review, research, and recommend rules and regulations relative to the keeping of non-domestic animals in the Town of Dover.

4. On a motion by Professor Clarke and seconded by Dr. Kruskall, the Board voted unanimously to establish a Temporary Committee (the “Non-Domestic Animal Review Committee” or the “Committee”) to assist the Board of Health in the matter of the identification and regulation of the keeping of non-domestic animals, conforming to Massachusetts Laws and Regulations.

5. The Committee shall:
   • review Dover’s rules and regulations and research other municipalities’ comparable rules and regulations
   • review Commonwealth of Massachusetts law and regulations
   • make recommendations to the Board on incorporation of any new bylaw, regulation, or procedure that will ensure the Town’s compliance with the requirements of the Commonwealth on the annual, or otherwise, reporting of the inventory of non-domestic animals and the locations where such animals are maintained, and to recommend such other rules, regulations or procedures that will aid the Board’s Animal Inspector and the Board in the furtherance of public health and safety.
   • make regular cyclical report of its progress, in summary, to the Board of Health and post the minutes of its meetings as required by law or regulation.

6. On a motion by Professor Clarke and seconded by Dr. Kruskall, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Kate Faulkner to the Committee as Chairperson, and to appoint Judy Ballantine, Sierra Bright, Carol Donnelly, and Christine Burns as members.

7. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Karen R. Hayett