

**ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, INC.
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NEW MILFORD, CT 06776**

**MARCH 14, 2016
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Attendees: J. Bloch; P. Booska; A. Gantert; R. Gardner; K. Marrotte; D. Saraceni;
M. Scott

The meeting began at 7:37 pm.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- The minutes from our January 11, 2016 meeting was approved by Diane Saraceni and Michelle Scott. We did not have a February meeting due to weather conditions.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- We have had a good month. We received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 and our Investments are in good shape.
- Our Income has slightly increased with our Expenses being below average for the month.

President's Report - Janet Bloch

- Diane Saraceni is resigning and moving to the Boston Area in April. We will miss all of her contributions to AWS. Thank you Diane for all of your help.
- Tom Mulvihill will be taking over for Diane regarding grant proposals and will be working with a grant writer.
- AWS will have a display at Union Savings Bank, Park Lane Branch, during April.

Vice President's Report - Diane Saraceni

- Diane has forwarded her grant spreadsheet to the Board of Directors. Some of the grants that we will apply for will not pay until 2017. Many grants now are asking for a letter of interest before applying.

Director, Public Relations and Marketing

- Give Local will be held on May 3-4, and we will be looking for volunteers to:
 - Park cars
 - Bake goodies
 - Take credit cards using the computers
 - Cook hotdogs (Tom Mulvihill and Pam Southworth)
- All of the nonprofits in New Milford will be in the Home Depot parking lot on May 3. The Chamber of Commerce will provide music, food and all the advertising. The event will last from noon until 8:00 pm. There are over 40 nonprofits in New Milford.
- The first Pet Thrift Shop date will be April 9, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Pam Booska has made the flyer and they are being distributed. The barn will be open the second Saturday each month from April until October.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- Maintenance - A washing machine was purchased from Lew White.
- The Animal Report as of February 29, 2016.

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
In-House	55	33
New	14	13
Adopted	15	8
Foster Care	2	4

- Renee and Audrey McKay have been invited to speak at a Women's Club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Karen Marrotte