



City of Bristol
ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING COMMITTEE

July 16th 2026
111 North Main Street
Bristol, CT 06010

PRESENT:

Lindsey Rivers, Public Works Analyst
Frank Stawski, Commissioner
Lynn DellaBianca, Commissioner
Luis Lorenzo, Maintenance Technician
Jon Mace, Commissioner
Nancy Levesque, Commissioner
Christopher Hayden, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Holly Goodwin, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Mayor of Bristol
Lukasz Burkacki, Civil Engineer
Matthew Moskowitz, Deputy Chief of Bristol Police Department
David Oaks, Public Works Facility Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Lindsey Rivers called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

NONE

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Regular Meeting – February 19th 2026

Commissioner Nancy Levesque made a motion to approve the meeting minutes,
Seconded by Commissioner Jon Mace

Vote: Unanimously Passed

4. **DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL MEDIA POST**

Chairperson Lindsey Rivers shared an email sent to the State of Connecticut regarding the welfare of the animals in Bristol's Animal Control Facility during the heat wave on July 3rd 2026 weekend. An anonymous voicemail made to the state was also played for the committee to listen to. Chairperson Lindsey Rivers shared how she, Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu and members of the Bristol Police Department went to the Animal Control Facility the same day the complaint was made to check on the wellbeing of the animals. The air conditioners were running in each room and no animals were in distress. Chairperson Lindsey Rivers express frustrations on how these social media posts do more harm than good for the welfare of the animals. But since the weekend of July 3rd 2026 the City of Bristol has upgraded the air conditioners in the animal control building to newer

and larger units. Public works facility manager, David Oaks confirmed that there were working air condition units in the Animal Control Facility prior to July 3rd, 2026.

5. NEW BUISNESS

Deputy Chief Matthew Moskowitz reviewed the emergency evacuation plans for relocating animals out of the Bristol Animal Control Facility if it was ever necessary. The standard operating procedure was last updated in April 2024.

6. OLD BUISNESS

Civil Engineer Lukasz Burkacki presented the committee with a brief update on the cost analyst for proposed site on Vincent P Kelley Rd. KEHES Group will be completing the cost estimate for the proposed site. Lukasz gave KEHES Group the basic needs for the building with a rough layout plan of proposed building. At this time the estimate has not been completed and should be received shortly. Lukasz will be following up on where the building is to be placed and to include site work in estimate.

Commissioner Frank Stawski expressed concern on the approaching due date for when our Animal Control Facility needs to meet regulation. Chairperson Lindsey Rivers explained the next steps for the committee will be to review the cost analyst and then make a decision to build a new building or renovate 30 Cross Street.

Mayor Ellen Zoppo – Sassu did have conversations with the State of Connecticut on the possible grant. However, she is still waiting on answers for who reviews the grants and make the final decisions for the grant.

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu informed the committee of a fundraising opportunity. The manager of Double Tree has offered to provide space for a fundraising event. A brief discussion was held on what type of event could be held to fundraise money for the Animal Control Facility.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Frank Stawski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Chris Hayden.

Vote: Unanimously Passed

The Animal Control Building Committee regular meeting on July 16th 2026 was hereby adjourned at 5:27pm.

Jacqueline England

Recording Secretary