

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
AGENDA  
January 21st, 2016  
4:30 p.m.**

- I. Agenda Changes
- II. Adoption of Minutes
  1. October 15<sup>th</sup> 2015
- III. Update on Cat Caretakers Alliance – Teresa Glidewell
- IV. General Information
  - 1 Matthew Kite, Commonwealth’s Attorney
- V. Town Council Agenda
- VI. Next Meeting Date: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- VII. Adjournment

**Public Safety Committee  
Minutes  
January 21st, 2016**

Mrs. Gulley called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm. Committee members present included Tina Gulley, Chairperson; Deborah Ball and Chris Vincent.

Also present: James Hudson, III, Mayor; Paul Kelley, Town Council Member; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Bobby Mawyer, Chief of Police.

**I. Agenda Changes**

There were no changes made to the agenda.

**II. Adoption of Minutes**

1. October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Chris Vincent made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Deborah Ball. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

**III. Cat Caretakers Alliance**

Teresa Glidewell provided the attached update on the feral cat colonies in West Point and advised that there still are problems with people dumping cats in Town. When possible we trap the cats, spay or neuter them then release them.

Paul Kelley advised there is no mention of the cats on 5<sup>th</sup> Street in the report. Mr. Kelley stated that there are an increased number of cats in that area and asked what the current status is on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street colony.

Ms. Glidewell advised that there is an individual that is taking care of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street colony and that Indian Rivers Humane Society does not provide that individual with food. There are 15 known cats that have had all their shots, they have been spayed or neutered and there are pictures of the cats if you need to see them.

Paul Kelley advised that there are more than 15 cats on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and that the cats know the car that feeds them. When the food car comes at 5:00 p.m. all the cats come out to be feed, even the domesticated cats. Paul Kelley also stated that when this program first started it was said that the cat colonies would eventually be reduced and that cats would be relocated.

Teresa Glidewell advised that relocating the cats is difficult because of zoning. We have looked at property but zoning is an issue.

Paul Kelley asked how many volunteers are working with the Cat Caretakers Alliance.

Teresa Glidewell advised three. We will continue to trap, neuter or spay cats and release them when possible.

**IV. General Information**

Matt Kite, The Commonwealth's Attorney for King William County was present and advised that he does work with the West Point Police Department on cases and that if the Town or Police Department needs him he is available at 769-4211.

**V. Town Council Agenda**

Mrs. Gulley advised that there are no items for the Town Council agenda.

**VI. Next Meeting Date: February 8<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mrs. Gulley adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

  
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Tina Gulley  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Karen M. Barrow  
Town Clerk

**Indian Rivers Humane Society**  
**Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**January 21, 2016**

To date- we have spayed/neutered 662 cats from the Town of West Point and a total from all localities which we serve 1,523 (Essex, King William & King & Queen).

So far this year, we have located 4 abandoned (or dropped off) cats (2 from 13<sup>th</sup> & Main, 1 of which has been trapped & spayed) and one from 9<sup>th</sup> & Main, called in by the staff at Hudson Law (he has been trapped, updated his shots as it was discovered he was already neutered), we found a caregiver for him. The last one is near West Point Pharmacy; it has been identified but yet to be caught.

Of the two colonies in town which we manage, 2015 they were all vaccinated for their second 3 year rabies. The "car parts" colony is down to 3 cats (from 6)

We have adopted out 136 cats/kittens in 2015. We pull from the RAS when we have room in one of our 15 fosters.

We have a companion program where we supplement payment for people to have their cats or dogs altered. We have also expanded the program to pay for altering and shots for animals who are adopted from RAS & the Essex Shelters. We also participate in driving the Indian Rivers van from RAS to Barron Surgery (Mechanicsville) pets for low cost altering and we pay for shots once a month.

We have responded to cat related calls of complaints and have been able to resolve most of them. Some expect us to take all cats that are in the area and outside, which we cannot do. We always offer to spay/neuter the cat, if they are willing to take ownership.

We have paired up with Purina in providing food/litter to low income caregivers. We receive these items from Purina on a monthly basis, if there isn't enough then we supplement it. The Thrift Store is continuing to raise money to buy or build a haven. Our goal is to have all of the colonies relocated to it but finding property that is within the zoning guidelines has been difficult and complicated.