



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Animal Shelter Working Group**

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Thursday, September 22, 2015**

**Members Present:** Rep. John Bartholomew, Joanne Bourbeau, Deb Brown, and Lisa Nelson. All members participated by phone.

**Staff Present:** Michael O'Grady, Office of Legislative Council. Staff was located in Room 31 of the Vermont State House.

**Also Present:** Barry Londeree, Vermont State Director of the Humane Society of the United States was on the conference call.

**Recording:** Digital recording on file with the Office of Legislative Council. Available upon request.

**Convene**

At 10:30, Rep. Bartholomew convened the meeting via conference call.

**Member Identification**

As required under the Vermont Open Meeting Law for meetings held electronically, the members of the Animal Shelter Working Group (Working Group) identified themselves.

**Review and Approve Minutes**

Joanne Bourbeau moved to amend typographic errors in the draft minutes. Rep. Bartholomew moved to approve the minutes with changes. The Working Group approved the September 3 minutes with the requested changes.

**Review and Markup of Proposed Legislation**

Members of the Working Group reviewed amendments to a draft bill regarding the shelter of dogs and cats and prepared in the name of Rep. Bartholomew. (See Doc. # 310403 Dr. 3.1). The Working Group requested edits to the proposed amendments. A new draft of the proposed amendments will be circulated to the Group.

**Future Meeting Planning and Discussion**

The next meeting of the Working Group was scheduled for November 5, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. until Noon. The November 5 meeting will occur via teleconference. A place where the public may attend the meeting will be posted to the website of Vermont General Assembly at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**Adjournment**

At 11:30 p.m. the Working Group adjourned.