

Community Journal
Letter to the Editor
Riverhead Shelter Kill Policy
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Jim (Riverhead Town Board councilman),
This email is to reiterate what I expressed at the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Meeting last night regarding the euthanasia policy.

As I understand it, the committee submitted a proposal to modify the existing policy. I do not know the exact wording of the proposal, but in essence, it enables the Advisory Committee to review the cases beforehand and determine whether or not a dog should be euthanized.

It was to be reviewed by the Town Attorney and/or Town Board in December, 2010. You indicated that the Town Attorney recently asked you, "are they sure?" The committee is in agreement that their input in euthanasia cases would be a positive step for the animal shelter.

There does not appear to be any obstacles standing in the way of placing this resolution on the agenda for the Town Board meeting on Wed, April 20th. I would ask you to please see to it that this takes place.

It would be a very important step toward preventing tragic mistakes like Bruno and Butch from happening in the future. Particularly, since the issue of staffing and management at the shelter is still unresolved.

-Sue Hansen
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