



neccog

PRESS RELEASE
July 2, 2019

Investigation Concluded

Investigations, initiated by the NECCOG Executive Committee on behalf of the organization as the result of two written complaints received in October 2018 - regarding personnel issues and animal abuse allegations - are now concluded. The three investigations were conducted individually by two board members with NECCOG's attorney, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and the Connecticut State Police.

"The three investigations found no animal abuse on the part of NECCOG and no violations of state or federal law or violation of organization policy on the part of our executive director" stated Allan Cahill, NECCOG's Chair. "Our internal investigation did reveal one violation of policy - which has been addressed" he further stated. The NECCOG internal investigation made multiple recommendations to strengthen internal trainings and policies. "In response to the nature of the allegations NECCOG redoubled it's internal training for staff and awareness of staff and volunteers to issues related to workplace personnel issues" Cahill further stated. "The Department of Agriculture's report raised several issues unrelated to the original investigation, regarding our facility, training and operational structure and we will be meeting with them in July to discuss their issues in detail" Cahill stated.

"While this has been a trying time for our staff and NECCOG as an organization, it is reassuring and should be to the people of our region, that these allegations were seriously investigated and addressed." Cahill added, "This matter is now closed and we look forward to moving forward - addressing the common and varied needs of our region."

For More Information, please contact NECCOG at 860-774-1253,
neccogoffice@neccog.org