

Town of Montville

Office of Animal Control

911 Norwich-New London Tpke. Uncasville, CT 06382

The current Animal Control Facility is located at 225 Maple Ave. in the Public Works Complex. The building is estimated to have been built in the 1950's and is of concrete block construction. It consists of nine kennel runs, two of which are designated for housing cats for lack of a separate area. One of the kennels is designated as a quarantine kennel as per state statute. The facility is one room, with a center aisle and kennels on either side. There is a small area past the kennels with a sink, washer, dryer and an antiquated propane garage heater. The current shelter does not meet state requirement upon inspection and has failed in the past on numerous occasions. The building is degrading due to age and use and is difficult to keep sanitary.

On various occasions over my 12 years employed with the town of Montville, we have been at the point of capacity and even overflowing into additional crates kept in the aisle of the facility. We also cover the town of Salem for Animal Control. The discussion of replacing the facility or regionalizing has come up several times over the past 12 years, and in 2018 a Public Safety Commission Subcommittee was formed to further investigate the building of a new facility. Four locations around Montville were investigated with the help of Marcia Vlaun, the planning director at the time. We came to the understanding that the most cost-effective location, with the least hurdles, for the facility would be across the driveway from where it currently exists. CLA Engineers, Inc. was then commissioned to provide a conceptual floor plan and preliminary cost estimate. The shelter was estimated in the \$800,000 range in December of 2018.