



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF August 24, 2015

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Steve Rae, Joni Lanphear and Mickey Smith.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator

Guests: Nancy Stewart, Andrew Bragg, Ben Morin, Amber Morin, Richard Lowe, Susan Lowe, Andrea Fournier, Phil Fournier,

Meeting was called to order at 5:00PM in the Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg.

Complaint was filed in writing by Mr. Richard Lowe. His wife Susan's cat was killed by Mr. Bragg's two dogs. Both Parties were present for the hearing.

I. Discussion

Brian Kellogg opened the meeting by asking Richard & Susan to explain what happened to cause a complaint to be filed. Susan explained that the two dogs came onto her property and took the cat. She tried to cat the cat away from the dogs and the dogs started to come after her and knocked her down. Susan has several bruises and a some marks on her face from the dogs. Susan said she screamed for help and the neighbors Andrea & Phil Fournier came running. By then it was too late for the cat to be saved. Phil chased the dogs off with a shovel. By this time Richard had come home and had called the police. Richard & Susan as well as many of the neighbors fear that these dogs are vicious dogs and may bite or hurt a person.

Officer Mike Reeve

Officer Reeve stated that he got statements from both parties. He asked the dog owners if the dogs were registered and up to date on their shots. The owners stated they were not sure at the moment. Officer Reeve advised to get the dogs registered and vaccinated right away. He also quarantined the dogs for 10days in case they had rabies.

Andrew Bragg

Andrew stated that he was very sorry this happened and that he was not aware that the dogs had gotten out. He does not believe that the dogs would ever hurt anyone and that this was just an unfortunate incident. He also stated that the dogs have been vaccinated and registered with the Town.

Selectboard Member Joni Lanphear provided pictures of Susan's injuries for the Selectboard to view.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to enter Deliberative Session. Motion carried. (4/0)

**Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to come out of Deliberative Session.
Motion Carried. (4/0)**

Brian Kellogg, Chair of the Board presented the Board findings

The Selectboard hereby finds that the dogs meet the requirements to be vicious dogs and the Selectboard therefore requires that the dogs be kept on a leash or chain and to be muzzled at all times when they are outside of the residence.

Dan Lindley, Town Administrator explained what could happen if they violated the order and offered for the owner Adam Bragg to come and meet with him if they should have any questions.

Notice will be sent to both parties by certified mail with a return receipt requested which is required by State Statute.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to adjourn the meeting at 6:00PM

Respectfully submitted and filed this 25th day of August 2015
Erica Allen, Clerk

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