



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF February 14, 2013

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Bob Beeman Min Cote, and Mickey Smith.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator;

Meeting was called to order at 4:00PM in the Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg.

Brian Kellogg called the Animal Control hearing to order at 4:05.

Neither the victim of the dog bite or the owner of the dog were present. Both parties were notified by Certified Mail with return receipt.

I. Discussion

Brian Kellogg, Town of Morristown Animal Control Officer stated that he had talked with the owners of the dog previously regarding a complaint made by Nina Church. At that time the owners had stated that they were going to get rid of the dog. The Victim has been bitten or nipped at 3 times over the last 4 years. Those incidents were not reported.

The most recent incident occurred on February 3, 2013 when Nina made a complaint to Brian Kellogg who told her she needed to call Todd Thomas the Towns Health Officer and file a complaint with him as well. She did not receive medical attention. Todd instructed her to submit a written complaint to the Selectboard. The Town Administration office received the complaint on February 8, 2013. As required by the Town Ordinance the Selectboard must hold a hearing within 7 days with notification sent to the owner of the dog. Notification was sent by Certified mail with return receipt. The owner of the dog was aware of the hearing.

The Selectboard discussed the options outlined in the State Statue which are they may make an order for the protection of persons as the facts & circumstances of the case may require, including, without limitation, that the domestic pet or wolf hybrid is disposed of in a humane way, muzzled, chained or confined. They agreed that the first step should be to require that the dog be chained at all times when it is outside the home.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to require that the dog owner chain the dog at all times when it is outside the home. Motion approved (4/0)

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

II. .OTHER BUSINESS

Mickey mentioned that Steve Leach would like to come before the board to discuss the Yando Property.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to adjourn the meeting at 4:30PM.

Motion approved. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 15th day of February 2013

Erica Allen, Clerk

Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated and are approved at the next meeting.