



## SELECTBOARD MEETING OF September 29, 2016

Members Present: Eric Dodge, Yvette Mason, Joni Lanphear and Brian Kellogg.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police.

Guests: Mike Reeve, Police Officer, Richard Lowe, Caroline Stone, Elwin Stone, Alicia Stone, Jessica Jennison aka Jessica Lowell, Ms. Jarvis, Tim Sargent

Brian Kellogg called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### **I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS**

none

### **II. VICIOUS DOMESTIC PET HEARINT**

#### **1. Jennison-Stone Dog Bite Complaint**

Mike Reeve, the police officer that responded to the incident, relayed the details of the event. The incident occurred on September 24<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:00PM near the police station. Ms. Stone and her family were crossing the road from the Noyes House Museum toward the Police Station. Before she reached the sidewalk, the dog lunged at her and she put her arm up to protect herself and the dog bit her. The man walking the dog pulled the dog and he released her arm. Ms. Stone and her family then went to the police station where they were advised to go to the hospital and Officer Reeve would meet at the hospital after he got information. The man walking the dog told Officer Reeve that the dog's name was Thor. Officer Reeve contacted the animal control officer and Wyatt Jennison. Wyatt Jennison also identified the dog as Thor.

Ms. Stone was then asked to speak about the incident. She stated that it happened exactly the way Officer Reeve had stated. She showed the Selectboard the healing wound from the bite. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator showed pictures of Ms. Stone at the hospital after the incident occurred. On Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Wyatt Jennison stated he was the owner at the time; but later said he did not own the dog and Jessica Jennison was the owner. The Police Department provided hand delivered notice of the hearing to both Jessica Jennison and Wyatt Jennison. All records including dog registration and rabies certificate indicate Jessica Jennison is the owner of the dog.

Jessica Jennison stated that she was not the owner of the dog because the Selectboard made her give him up in April when he moved to Johnson per her agreement with the Town. She stated that she wasn't sure why she was even contacted as she does not have

possession of the dog. Jessica said that she doesn't believe that the dog who bit Ms. Stone was Thor. Officer Reeve stated that the men walking the dog at the time of the incident and Wyatt Jennison both stated that the dog was Thor. Jessica Jennison stated that she gave notice to the Town on September 29<sup>th</sup> that the dog was being moved from the Johnson location.

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to move to deliberative session to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator and Tim Sargent, Legal Counsel, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (4/0).**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of deliberative session and resume regular meeting, motion seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion carried. (4/0)**

Brian Kellogg read the State Statute Title 20, Chapter 193, Subchapter 001, Section 3546 sub paragraph C. Which outlines the law for domestic pet or wolf-hybrids.

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to have Thor turned over to the Police Department immediately and to be euthanized in a humane manner, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (3/0) Brian Kellogg abstained.**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn at 7:05PM, motion seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion carried. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 30th day of September 2016

Tina Sweet, Scribe

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