



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2016

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

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

Guests: Jacques Marcoux, Scott McCullough, Richard Lowe, Jake Houston, Lacy Godin, Jessica Lowell.

Brian Kellogg called the Selectboard meeting to order at 5:30PM

I. DOG BITE HEARING

The Selectboard took testimony from all parties involved.

Responding officers McCullough and Marcoux gave an overview of the incident that occurred at the Pine Crest Trailer Park on Wednesday April 6, 2016. Officers learned that the dog, Thor, had escaped the house unnoticed. A neighbor noticed the dog was out and called the owner. The owner's son had gone after the dog to try to get him under control. Officers were advised by the owner that they shouldn't enter the house.

Dog owner Jessica Lowell has owned the dog since August 2014. It is current on rabies vaccine and is registered with the Town Clerk office but was not registered at the time of the incident. The dog escaped by opening the door. Jessica's son Jacob went after the dog and tried to get the dog under control.

Jake Houston the bite victim said that the dog chased him and knocked him down before Jacob could get a hold of him. Jacob told Jake to run, before Jake could take off the dog knocked him down again and bit him on the arm and on the side (love handle area). Jake did receive medical care at Copley Hospital.

This is the second bite incident with Thor. The first incident was not reported to the Town.

The Selectboard advised the dog owner of its options according to State Statute which are "if the governing body deems the dog to be a "vicious" dog that it can require the dog to be chained, kenneled, muzzled or disposed of in a humane way".

Motion made by Yvette Mason to go into deliberative session, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

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

Motion made by Eric Dodge to deem dog as a “vicious” dog to be placed in impound at the Lamoille Kennels for up to 7 days by 9:00AM Tuesday April 12, 2016. During that time Jessica Lowell the owner of the dog must find an alternate location for the dog to live and that location must be deemed by the Selectboard as a safe location, or the dog will be disposed of in a humane way, motion seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion carried. (4/0)

Jessica will need to bring verification that the dog has been impounded and that the permanent location is a safe location. The Selectboard may reconvene the hearing if the conditions are not met.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn at 6:30PM, motion seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion carried. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 12th day of April 2016
Erica Allen, Scribe

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