

**TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECTBOARD
PUBLIC HEARING – VICIOUS DOG
FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

Members Attending: Chris Cole, Bob Richards, Dave Ward, Jeff Sheldon, Rod Holzworth, II

Others Attending: Complainant Dawn Farr, Tyler Fontaine, Health Officer John Lulek, Chief Humphries, Patrolman Ryan Rooker, Town Manager Herb Durfee.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cole called the hearing to order at 6:05 p.m. and read the "Notice of Public Hearing".

Cole asked complainant if she had received a copy of rules of procedure and whether she had any questions about how the hearing would proceed. Farr replied that she had received the document and had read them. She had no questions regarding the rules. Cole stated that if and when the respondent arrived, he will be provided the same.

Cole requested disclosure of any conflicts of interest. There were none.

Cole requested that the complainant and all others providing testimony in the hearing step forward and be sworn. Dawn Farr, Chief Humphries and John Lulek were sworn.

Complainant Farr presented the Board with a packet of documentation including photographs and medical reports followed by a brief statement of the events over time involving the dog in question.

Members of the Board asked clarifying questions of the complainant.

Respondent was not present and thus unable to respond to the evidence presented.

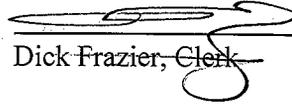
Chief Humphries provided documentation to the Board of previous citations, incidents and reports involving the dog in question. He further described conversations held between himself and Charles Doty, Sr., the dog's owner. He explained the varying levels of penalty and the procedure for each. Further action can only be taken by the Board.

John Lulek reported that he responded to an initial complaint on March 11, 2014. Confirmed the issuance of a current rabies tag for the dog in question. Because of the nature of the attack, Dr. Bradley Berryhill and the Fair Haven Police Department were notified of the incident. Two officers responded to the call.

Holzworth made a **motion** to close the proceedings of this the final public hearing on this matter. **Second** by Richards. **Motion carries 5-0-0.**

At 7:00 p.m. Sheldon made a **motion** to enter into a deliberative session towards the end of the Selectboard meeting immediately following the hearing to discuss and make a decision on the vicious dog complaint. **Second** by Holzworth. **Motion carries 5-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly S. Fedolfi


Dick Frazier, Clerk