

**Minutes of Dog Complaint Hearing  
Friday April 20, 2012  
Town Clerks Office**

**Members Present:** Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Mike Lawyer, Wayne Laroche, Kyle Lothian

**Guest:** Dan Demar & Melissa Greeno (Dog Owners), Dennis Demar (Animal Control Officer)

Peter Magnant called the hearing to order at 6:10 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Peter Magnant notified Dan and Melissa of the complaint filed on April 16, 2012 by Donna Sartwell concerning a dog believed to belong to them. The complaint was read aloud.

Dan stated that there was an incident at his residents at 12:15 a.m. on Sunday April 15, 2012 in which he chased a young man out of his portable hut with one of his dogs (black and brown) leashed under his control and one dog (black lab) running at large. He did not see the dog bite the individual he was chasing. Does not believe his dog bit the young man. Melissa stated Josh Packard and Emily Greeno (Daughter) witnessed the incident. Melissa stated that there are 5 dogs registered at the household. Three of the dogs are registered to Josh Packard and the other two are registered to her. Neither Dan or Melissa knew Donna or that it was her son that was involved in the incident.

Dan said there was an incident after the encounter with his dogs and the person in his portable hut. Jeff Danforth and Penny Bedard came to their house twice and Dan stated he was very upset and that there was yelling from both sides. Peter stated this is the first the board has heard of other parties being involved in the conflict. Dan stated that he believed the car in his driveway was a Oldsmobile caprice the color gold. Dan stated that he waited up until 2 a.m. waiting for the police because of the bite. When questioned further he felt because of the disturbance may be one of the neighbors would have called the police.

Dan and Melissa explained that the veterinarian told them they should not hitch the dog in the kennel as it would make the dog more vicious. Dan said the dog is not mean and further stated that he would not keep a mean dog.

Dan was asked why he did not call the police himself if he found someone on his property going through his portable hut. He stated that because he did not find anything missing he did not notify police. He uses the portable hut to store tools.

Dan and Melissa expressed concern that this is the second bite complaint that has been brought to them however they have not seen any medical report with proof of any such attack.

Due to the new information and more people involved the board felt another hearing would be necessary to be able to collect all the information and understand the conflicting stories. Dan and Melissa were asked to make sure their dogs are kept confined until we have another hearing to make a decision on the dog complaint filed. Melissa and Dan were told they would be notified when the next hearing would be held with all parties involved. Peter closed the hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted by  
Peter Magnant  
Selectboard Chair

Minutes were approved May 8, 2012.