

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

DOG HEARING:

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Ed Rainville, Brooks Sturtevant, Andy Godin.

Guests: Dennis Demar, Animal Control; Dan & Cecile Beaugard, Marcel Tougas, Kristy Porter, Brian St. Pierre & Monica King.

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Peter read the complaint received on 9/20/16 from Cecile Beaugard regarding dogs at 505 Messier Rd, two lab dogs that are out of control and attack people who walk down the road. The dogs have also come on our property chasing our beef cattle. Also a second complaint from Kristy Porter received on 9/26/16 regarding the same dogs. A complaint was received in early 2015 regarding dogs. A letter was sent in April 2015 to Brian St. Pierre and Monica King regarding the dogs needing to be kept on their property following a hearing; understood that a run was installed and collars purchased. Peter advises the dogs are current on shots; the yellow lab is registered with the town, the black lab is not.

Peter asked Cecile Beaugard if she would like to make a statement. Advised she has put her complaint in writing in the e-mail. This is a public road and they should be able to enjoy their property. They were running free again today across the neighbor's property. Peter asked about the dogs chasing the Beaugard cattle; they have not been injured. Mr. Deso witnessed the attack on the 20th by the cemetery; he distracted the dog to get it away. Kristy Porter spoke about the continued aggression of the yellow dog anywhere along the road; has used sticks to keep the dog away; does not respond to commands to retreat/go; is aggressive toward them.

Brian St. Pierre speaks that they work during the day, his mother in law is there and has dementia and forgets to hook the dogs. Monica King states they did use the wireless collar system but the dog would not go outside with it on. They plan to install a fence around the back yard to keep them home; may take a few weeks to get completed.

Peter advised as this is the second offense, that if another incident occurs the board will be forced to remove the dogs from the property. The board needs assurance that this will not happen again until the fence is completed. Monica advised she can hook out the dogs when she leaves in the morning and leave them out until she gets home. The board's responsibility is to be sure residents are safe from harm. Reviewed the ordinance and what happens with a third offense. Kristy has concern that the yellow dog is aggressive and the fence does not make him less so; if he gets out he is still a danger. All complaints must be in writing.

The board deliberated and has set the following guidelines to be strictly adhered to:

- Dogs must be in a fenced enclosure that is a minimum of 10' x 12' x 6' tall, yard must be adequate to secure and contain the dogs from leaving the property.
- If the dogs are out of any enclosure at any time the dogs must be on leash; the yellow dog needs to wear a choke collar. The dogs must be under your control at all times when outside of the enclosure or residence.
- Due to the fact that this meeting represents a second offense, you are required to pay the \$25 full penalty; however the full penalty can be waived if you are in compliance with the requirements outlined previously by October 3, 2016.
- Should the Town of Franklin receive another complaint regarding your dogs attacking people or other animals, the dogs will be impounded by Animal Control and the owners will be responsible for the cost of impoundment.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
September 29, 2016

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.
These minutes were approved at the October 5, 2106 board meeting.