

Sunderland Selectmen Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Town Office Building

Attending: Thomas Fydenkevez, David Pierce, Sherry Patch, Town Administrator

Others present: Dan Potyrala, Animal Control Officer; Erik Demetrious's, Police Chief; Sean and Sandy Randall, Bob Duby, Cheryl Cote, Amy Rubin, Brian Harris

Absent: Mr. Bergeron

DOG HEARING -Sandy Randall

Meeting called to order at 6:08PM. Mr. Bergeron not in attendance; a 1:1 vote not advantageous to **argue official hearing**. Everyone was sworn in. Mr. Fydenkevez explained the hearing process. Notice of hearing was read and Mr. Fydenkevez established the rules and swore in all attendees, who all agreed to conditions.

Animal Control Officer statement of March 26, 2019 was offered regarding the incident involving dog attack. It was noted different stories of the incident were offered. Chief of Police confirmed traveling to 81 S. Plain Road in response to the incident and wasn't able to make entry on the property and informed reporting party to notify the ACO. Ms. Harris noted her dog was on a line in its yard. Ms. Harris' mother says the neighbor's dogs were in her daughter's yard. It was reported the "black dog" attacked "Chip" and Chip's line broke. Two days later, the neighbor's dogs were in her yard again. 82 S. Plain Road residents also report issues with the dogs and has two young children. She wants the kids and dogs to be safe and is asking for the dogs to be contained. Mr. Harris reports the dogs are yelping and whining in the yard all the time. Mr. Duby noted the dogs are out after dark in the summer and bark all night. Ms. Cote said they have dogs but they don't go out of their yard and do not bark while outside.

Mrs. Randall reported having three acres fenced and electronic fence installed. Gate gets stuck in snow and ice conditions. She reported "Chip," the neighbor's dog, broke loose and came onto her property and tried to break up the dog fight. The neighbor's dog left and Mrs. Randall reports closing the gate, making sure her dogs were in the yard. She noted both of her dogs, "Odie" and "Tillie" received cuts to the snout. Mr. Randall reported Ms. Harris' dog barks continuously as well and notes never being contacted by neighbors about a problem related to his dogs.

Mr. Fydenkevez recessed the meeting to meet with both parties in the hall. Meeting reconvened at 6:39PM. Mr. Fydenkevez announced after hearing testimony, would like to recess without finding. Mr. Pierce Motion, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 2-0. Mr. Fydenkevez thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting recessed at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sherry Patch', is written over the printed name.

Sherry Patch
Town Administrator