

April 25, 2016 Dog Hearing

Selectmen present: Gordon Richardson, Mary O'Brien, Martha McGlinn, Matt Peeler, Joe Olmstead

Town Manager: Bob Stacey

Public present: Nancy Eastman, Peg Sullivan, Kent Kurchak, Mill Moore, Tracy Quigley,
Noella May Pickett (Vermont Standard), Tammie Stammers (Hartland Constable)

Bob Stacey opened the hearing with some background information regarding the numerous complaints about Nancy Eastman's dogs over the past several years.

Peg Sullivan told of her encounters during her runs on Brothers Road - one resulting in a serious dog bite and two others where she had to ward off an attack using a tree branch. She is asking the Selectboard to do something to prevent Ms. Eastman's dogs from having access of any kind to the public road so that passersby are able to use the road without fear of attack.

Nancy Eastman apologized to Ms. Sullivan and listed the measures she has used over the years to try to contain her dogs. She admitted they have been ineffective and is now suggesting the use of a shock collar.

Mill Moore spoke on behalf of his wife and others who fear walking on that section of Brothers Road because of the dogs.

The Selectboard will discuss and decide what needs to be done.

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

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Public present: Noella May Pickett (Vermont Standard), Chet Pasho, Rob Anderegg, Dan Peck, VHB

Approved minutes April 11, 2016, meeting. Signed orders.

Old Business:

1. Dan Peck Project Engineer from VHB, presented the semi-final plans for the Three Corners intersection.
2. Final copy of the policing services survey was approved. This will be available for public input during the month of May 2016.

New Business:

1. No additional appointments.
2. A tree will be planted in Foster Meadow in memory of Ray Sapp. Gordon and Matt will select from Northern Nurseries.
3. Herb Ferris has offered to install a sculpture on the conserved town property near the 1-91 interchange. Bob will contact the Upper Valley Land Trust before a decision is made.
4. The decision was made to order Nancy Eastman to build a fenced-in area in the back of her house that the dogs will remain in whenever they are outside and unleashed. The fence will be chain-link or welded wire, 6' tall with 1' buried in the ground. One gate only. Ideally the area would be attached to the back of her house so the dogs would enter it directly from the house. The dogs will not be allowed to be outside in front of her house at any time. The pen must be completed by June 1, 2016. Until the pen is built, the dogs must be totally under control when outside her house and not be allowed to be outside in front of her house. A Selectboard member or its representative will inspect the fencing to insure its effectiveness in containing her dogs. Failure to comply with this order will result in a fine of up to \$500.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting: May 9, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Martha McGlinn, Clerk

