

Notice of Public Hearing Vicious Dog/Domestic Pet Complaint
April 5, 2024

Present:

Jim Haff
Chris Karr
Catherine Feger
Marianna Feger
Brandy Haden
Patrick Amelio
Police Chief - Whit Montgomery

Michael Ramsey, Town Manager

The Selectboard of the Town of Killington, Vermont, held a Public Hearing pursuant to 20 V.S.A § 3546 on Friday, April 5th at 6:00pm at the Public Safety Building, 800 Killington Road, VT and via Zoom to hear evidence and receive testimony on a complaint of a “vicious dog(s)” owned by Jason Sasbon.

The Selectboard opened the Public Hearing at 3:09pm. TM Ramsey will begin the hearing by reading the victim’s full complaint. Afterwards, both the victim and the dogs’ owner may give additional testimony followed by Selectboard questions. Anyone present on behalf of the victim or owner may also provide additional testimony as well. Afterwards, the Selectboard will enter into a deliberative session to determine whether the dogs are vicious and decide on a public safety solution.

TM Ramsey read the victim’s, Catherine Feger, full complaint of the incident which happened on Saturday, March 23 at the Val Roc Motel. The victim stated she did not have any additional information to add to her testimony. The Selectboard asked Police Chief Montgomery if he received a call about the incident and he confirmed that he did. Police Chief Montgomery was able to speak with both the victim and a witness the following day. A couple days later he was able to speak to the dog owner, Jason Sasbon, who did not deny the incident. The owner stated the dogs do not usually go outside and he did not know why they were outside. The owner felt that the screaming triggered the dogs to attack. The owner resides at the Val Roc Motel full-time with the dogs while the victim was only staying at the hotel for the weekend. The dogs are not registered in the town of Killington. Police Chief Montgomery also confirmed with the dogs’ veterinarian that the dogs were vaccinated and had up to date rabies vaccines.

Patrick Scott Amelio, an attorney and the boyfriend of the victim's sister, emailed an investigative report to the Selectboard for their review during the deliberative session. The Town Manager informed everyone that they could not assess damages and any damages claims must be handled in civil court.

Motion made by SB Haff to enter a deliberative session at 6:26pm, second by SB Karr. Motion was unanimously approved. Motion made by SB Haff to exit deliberative session at 6:40pm, second by SB Karr. Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.

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