

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Animal Control Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Members present; Tom Calcagni, Vanessa Robertson, Sean Sergeant and Dr. Luther Brown. Also present, ACO Jones, Sergeant Sheldon, Chief Kilcullen, Clerk Heck, Bob Kelley, Lissa Stratton, Kathryn Myhre, Robert "Buddy", Leigh, Joan and Jillian Miles, Ken West, Erwin West, and Linda Groce.

At 5:00 PM Chair Sergeant called the meeting to order.

Chair Sergeant read the details of the complaint requested by ACO Jones. Chair Sergeant then explained the process to the hearing and asked anyone giving evidence to rise and be sworn in by the Clerk. Clerk Heck administered the oath.

ACO Jones then provided a brief overview and reviewed the history of the dog "Tasha" owned by Bob Kelley. Ken West, Kathryn Myhre, Leigh Miles, Erwin West and Linda Groce spoke about the issues they have been having with Tasha and the fear it has generated within their neighborhood. There has been one documented attack and several near attacks provoked by Tasha. The residences fear for their young children and pets.

With no more verbal evidence to give, Chair Sergeant asked the owner, Bob Kelley to speak to the allegations. Mr. Kelley asked for a five (5) minute recess to speak with his girlfriend. Chair Sergeant allowed the recess. Upon reconvening, Lissa Stratton, who resides with Mr. Kelley and helps with Tasha spoke about the incident and gave her side of the event. Mr. Kelley spoke about Tasha being chained and has tried to be a good neighbor. Mr. Kelley spoke about the incident and verified that Tasha had gotten away on several occasions. Mr. Kelley also mentioned issues with the neighbors about zoning with Mr. Kelley's commercial property on St. John Street.

After some back and forth questions with Mr. Kelley and the neighbors, Chair Sergeant asked for a motion to move into deliberative session to discuss the evidence and to decide on the request.

At 6:00 PM a motion was made and seconded (Brown, Robertson) to move into deliberative session.
Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Animal Control