

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Animal Control Minutes
Monday, April 22, 2019

Members present; Sean Sargeant, Dr. Luther Brown, Christopher Siliski, Lisa Ryan and Rebecca Mattis. Also present, Attorney Charles Romeo, ACO Jones, Lieutenant Sheldon, Chief Kilcullen, Sargent Whitehead, City Clerk Heck, John and Barbara McLoughlin, Greg & Lynn Clark and Melissa McPhee.

Chair Sargeant called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and read the complaint filed by ACO Jones. Chair Sargeant introduced all members and participants present and reviewed the outline and procedures to be used during the hearing.

Chair Sargeant asked Clerk Heck to swear in anyone giving testimony or evidence.

Chair Sargeant noted that the Board was asked to hear a vicious dog complaint from ACO Jones who investigated an incident with a dog named Wesley, owned by Greg & Lynn Clark. The Complaint noted that Wesley got loose and bit Barbara McLoughlin a neighbor walking back to her home. ACO Jones presented his evidence and reviewed the documents prior to submitting them to the Chair. Chair Sargeant noted the documents and placed them into evidence. Clerk Heck labeled the Complaint form as A-1 and all other documents presented by ACO Jones as A-2. There were a few questions from the Board on the presentation.

Mrs. McLoughlin (complainant) was asked to comment on the incident and noted that her statement was what she wanted to refer to. Mrs. McLoughlin asked about the other evidence presented by ACO Jones and answered a few questions from the Board. With no further testimony from the complainant Chair Sargeant moved on.

Melissa McPhee spoke mainly on the incident in question and explained the event. Chair Sargeant asked the respondents to present their testimony and evidence. Lynn Clark presented a letter from the Clark's Vet in regards to the dog's behavior. The letter was opened and read. Clerk Heck marked the letter as C-1 and Chair Sargeant asked that it be placed into evidence. The respondents then gave their testimony and what they have been working on to prevent Wesley from getting loose. The Board and respondents spent 15 minutes discussing the event and behaviors of Wesley.

With no further testimony or evidence from either party, a motion was made to move into deliberative session, (Sargeant, Ryan). **Motion passed.**

At 6:31 PM the Board moved into deliberative session.

Respectfully submitted,

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