

Town of Proctor



Special Selectboard Meeting

May 5th, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Town Offices Meeting Room/45 Main Street, Proctor, VT 05765

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendance (Town Officials/Staff)

Michael Ramsey, Town Manager (Minute Taker)

Judy Frazier, Selectboard (Chair)

Ben Curtis, Selectboard (Vice Chair)

Tom Hogan, Selectboard

Bruce Baccei, Selectboard

Linda Doty, Selectboard

Meeting Attendance (Public):

Alyssa Flynn

Nicole Webster

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Judy Frazier at 4:00 PM

II. Review and Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Ben Curtis; Seconded by Bruce Baccei. Unanimously approved.

III. Vicious Dog Hearing

Judy Frazier read the warning/notice

Judy Frazier summarized the complaint received by the town on May 1st, 2023

All attendees giving testimony stepped forward to take an oath that under the pains and penalties of perjury, do solemnly swear that the evidence given in the cause under consideration shall be the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Judy Frazier asked if the complainant/victim had received a copy of the procedures. Alyssa Flynn replied yes.

Judy Frazier asked the board if there was any conflict of interest. There was none.

Judy Frazier accepted the written testimony provided by the Sheriff on the incident. The accused persons submitted written testimony, a picture of a dog injury, and two letters.

Alyssa Flynn Testimony:

This is incident number 4 with the Ellison's dogs, but I never officially reported them to the Selectboard in hopes that the owners would start controlling the dogs. I would avoid walking my dogs near the Ellison's home, but the steep hills found along other available routes in the neighborhood drain the battery in my wheelchair significantly.

This last incident, the Ellison's dogs ran off the property and attacked my dogs unprovoked. I struggled to manage the situation and one of my dogs broke free to get away. My dogs are well behaved, and Ace is a certified therapy dog. I am only asking that the Ellison's control their animals and have respect for my concerns over the danger that these situations create.

Questions from the board to the victim:

Mr. Hogan: What is the breed of the dogs? Alyssa stated her dogs are lab mix, and is unsure about the Ellison's.

Ms. Frazier asked if there was anyone else that wanted to submit relevant evidence/testimony regarding the complaint? There were none

Ms. Frazier asked if there were any more question or comments. There were none.

Motion to enter deliberative session made by Tom Hogan; seconded by Linda Doty. Unanimously approved. Entered deliberative session at 4:22 PM

Motion to return to open session made by Ben Curtis; seconded by Linda Doty. Unanimously approved. Exited deliberative session at 4:30 PM. A letter of findings/decisions will be issued to The Ellison's and Alyssa Flynn within 30 days of the hearing.

IV. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Doty; seconded by Bruce Baccei. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.