

## SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING AND VICIOUS DOG HEARING MINUTES

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Monday, March 2, 2020, 5:30 p.m, m Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Health Officer/Constable James Arisman; Marge and Lou Christie

### 1. DOG BITE:

- A. The hearing began at 6:01 PM. Chris read the warning for the dog bite hearing.
- B. Chris swore in James Arisman and Marge Christie. Mrs. Sing, owner of the dog, did not attend.
- C. Chris accepted the affidavits and complaint, as well as several exhibits, and photographs of the x-rays that indicated the placement of the pins of Marge's hand.
- D. Marge described being bitten on the hand and legs by Mrs. Sing's white dog that jumped over its owner's fence along Pidgeon Pond Road on February 23, 2020 as she walked down the road. Marge's hand injury required a visit to the Emergency Room and surgery later with the placement of 5 pins in her hand. Marge tried to get information regarding the dog's rabies vaccinations from Mrs. Sing but she would not respond. Marge and her husband spoke with the Caccavos who related their experiences with the dogs.
- E. On Tuesday following the bite, Marge met with James Arisman and provided him with a statement regarding the dog bite.
- F. Mrs. Sing provided James with insurance information and indicated she would take care of Marge's medical expenses.
- G. Marge expressed she has suffered physical injury, trauma, and the loss of quality of her life.
- H. James served the notice to Mrs. Sing by hand. He noted the fence was 3' tall and inadequate to retain the dogs. The fence has fallen over and collapsed in places. Mrs. Sing cannot guarantee to secure the dogs.
- I. The hearing was closed at 6:47 PM.

A protective order will be prepared that will require Mrs. Sing to raise the fence along the roadside. Mrs. Sing must chain the dog, construct a 6' fence, and she will be given a deadline for completion. The total area available to the dog must be fenced in. The dog must be muzzled when it is off the property. Both James and Marge heard from Mrs. Sing that she will take financial responsibility for the dog bite. Rich will prepare an order to be sent to Mrs. Sing.

### 2. Dump Truck:

Rich moved to request Bobbi to order the truck from Clark and the body from Tenco, with the trade in of our truck once the truck, body and plow are fully operational. Chris seconded, approved by all.

### 3. Pick Up Truck:

The board asked the road crew to review the specifications and recommend which truck to

purchase.

4. The board went into executive session at 8:00 PM to discuss a personnel matter. The board ended the executive session at 8:50 PM. No decisions were made.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Colgan, Selectboard Member

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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