



**Town of Milton – Selectboard Special Meeting
43 Bombardier Road, Milton VT 05468
In Person and/or via Zoom – Community Room
Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Darren Adams, Chair; Michael Morgan, Vice Chair; John FitzGerald, Clerk; Brenda Steady, Member; Chris Taylor, Member

Selectboard Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Don Turner Jr., Town Manager; Michaela Foody, Public Safety Director;

Others Present:

Claudia Moeykens; Nanc Ekiert; Lori Coseo; Lauren Blume; Eric N. Roy; Jessica Roy-Smith; Phyllis Mayville; John Mayville

I. Call to Order

D. Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Flag Salute

D. Adams led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Hearing for Vicious Dog Complaint Pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 3546

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager; Michaela Foody, Public Safety Director

D. Adams opened the vicious dog hearing by reviewing the public notice and reading the complaint from John and Phyllis Mayville, which was received on November 9, 2022, explaining the incident that occurred on November 5, 2022.

D. Adams confirmed the proper receipt of a vicious dog complaint pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 3546. D. Adams stated that this hearing is required by state law 20 V.S.A. § 3546, and he reviewed the rules of conduct.

Complainant John Mayville was sworn in and provided a statement, explaining the events of the evening in question. Complainant Phyllis Mayville was also sworn in and provided a statement. The complainants responded to questions from the Selectboard. Vet bills were provided as an additional exhibit, and copies were provided to all parties.

Defendants Jessica Roy-Smith and Eric Roy provided a statement addressing the complaint. They stated that they brought along a check to settle the balance of any outstanding vet expenses. The defendants answered questions from the Selectboard.

Lauren Blume, a veterinarian, provided a public comment regarding the behavior of greyhounds.

D. Adams asked the complainants and the defendants what they would like to see done with the offending dogs, and each provided a statement.

There was discussion regarding whether the rescue would take the dogs back, and the defendants were unsure. D. Adams requested that this option, and the option of rehoming, be explored further.

Motion made by D. Adams to adjourn the hearing until Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room to await additional evidence. Until this is deliberated, the dogs are to remain confined to the owners' property, leashed and muzzled if outside. The owners will provide the credentials and process for training as recommended by the consultants. The Public Safety Director will get additional information from the rescue organization. Second by M. Morgan. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Executive Session – Real Estate

Motion made by J. FitzGerald to find that premature knowledge about Real Estate would cause the Town or person to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Second by C. Taylor at 7:02 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made by J. FitzGerald to move enter into executive session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss Real Estate under the provisions of 1 VSA 313 (a)(1) of the Vermont Statutes; to include the following; Selectboard members: D. Adams, M. Morgan, C. Taylor, J. FitzGerald and B. Steady; Town Manager, Don Turner, Jr. Second by C. Taylor. Motion approved unanimously.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Motion made by D. Adams to close executive session at 9:30 p.m., with a second by M. Morgan. Motion approved unanimously.

V. Adjournment

Motion made by J. FitzGerald to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m., with a second by M. Morgan. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned by D. Adams.

All documents pertaining to this meeting may be viewed using the following link:
<https://miltonvt.box.com/s/3h3vzvwcvn7usd4el20mhcqfjv2j7lqh>

A video recording of this meeting can be found at the following location:
<https://miltonvt.box.com/s/pkkglpwnrx4pnwqma1czrjdhg3wo7t9o>

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Tradup

APPROVED MINUTES:


John FitzGerald, Clerk

Date: _____

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 6th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST: Kristi Bees, Milton Town Clerk

