

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: September 15, 2020
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq., Chairman
Judith Whiteside, Clerk
Alan H. Slavin
Patrick G. Tropeano
James M. Munise

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Richard P. Bowen, Town Counsel

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a CMW meeting on September 23rd in Carver.

Covid-19 testing centers are located at the following places:

AFC Urgent Care New Bedford – no appointment needed
CVS New Bedford – need appointment
VA Boston Healthcare System – need appointment
Cape Cod Healthcare Urgent Care – need appointment

Selectman Whiteside wanted to give a shout out to the Wareham Garden Club for the weeding that is done every Wednesday and making the gardens in Town look great.

Don't Trash Wareham has gifted specially designed t-shirts to the volunteers who did the beach cleanup in Onset and town beaches. Their hard work is appreciated.

There will be a book sale at the Wareham Free Library lawn on September 17th from 9-4. In addition to the book sale, there will be Christmas-themed books and holiday gifts. Outdoor sales will continue in October weather permitting.

The Unleash the PAWsibilities Youth Arts Contest Gallery is on display at the Main Street Post Office through September 26th. They have stopped collecting bottles and cans. Any donations of bottles and cans can go to the OBA.

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Every Thursday from 4-5 the Church of the Good Shepherd provides a free meal to take home. Pick up the free meal at the back entrance of the Church parking lot.

5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Present before the Board: Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Ms. Smith recommended talking about an alternative venue for Town Meeting taking place in October instead of the High School. She is concerned about the school being open for classes which means students and citizens will be at risk. Selectman Teitelbaum stated there may be a possibility the school will close to allow time to sanitize before students return. Mr. Sullivan also explained that the Town has the appropriate equipment to sanitize the limited spaces in a timely manner.

Present before the Board: Don Jepson

Mr. Jepson stated that there should be something better in place pertaining to COVID-19 testing to make it easier for people who want to travel within the 72 hour required time. Selectman Tropeano stated that there is a fifteen minute test that can be done in Orleans, MA. and a fee is waived only if there are symptoms.

Mr. Jepson also wanted to follow up on the HIF (Harbor Information Form) to see if it has been completed. Mr. Sullivan stated he would check on the status.

6. BOARD'S COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin updated the Board regarding back up noises at the park and ride near Maple Springs. Joseph Cardoza was before the Board on July 21st asking what can be done about the noises because it was causing a disturbance at 5:00 a.m. Selectman Slavin did check on this and was told that the company runs a training program for other companies and that is the only time training can be done. He lodged the complaint on behalf of Mr. Cardoza, but is not sure anything can be done.

7. DOG HEARING-7:15 P.M.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to open the hearing. Selectman Whiteside seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Selectman Teitelbaum read the report into record. (*see attachment*)

Selectman Teitelbaum swore in all parties stating their testimony.

Present before the Board: Cheryl Gorveatt-Dill, Animal Control Officer, Lindsey Pease, Aubrey France, Thaddeus France, and Racquel Cardoza.

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Ms. Gorveatt-Dill stated that she did not witness the incident. A Wareham Police Officer Pacheco was called after the incident and reported what the parties involved told him.

Ms. Pease stated that she was walking her dog with her son and daughter Payton who is six years old when the other dog ran out and attacked her daughter biting her on the arm and leaving a puncture wound. She said the dogs did not fight and there were no witnesses during the attack. The dog owners came out after the fact.

Selectman Teitelbaum asked if Ms. Cardoza approached her after the attack. Ms. Pease stated that Ms. Cardoza followed her when she was trying to comfort her daughter and get her home. She asked Ms. Cardoza to leave her alone, but she continued following her. Ms. Pease felt she was being harassed after asking repeatedly to be left alone which prompted Ms. Pease to call the Police. Selectman Whiteside asked for a description of the dog. Ms. Pease stated that her dog is a rescue dog that weighs seventy pounds and may be a lab and mastiff mix.

On Ms. France's testimony, she explained that her dog got out of the house because the door was open. Her dog approached Ms. Pease's dog to sniff him and while Ms. Pease was pulling her dog and daughter away, Ms. Pease's dog bit her daughter, not Ms. Cardoza's dog. Ms. France stated she was outside and witnessed the incident. Ms. Cardoza stated she was in the house at the time of the incident and as two of her children were running into the house, her dog ran out of the house. She went outside after the incident took place. Selectman Whiteside asked what kind of restraint is used on the dog. Ms. Cardoza state a slide chain choke collar is used. Ms. Gorveatt-Dill stated that because there are two different stories, no one is 100% sure which dog attacked, but the fact remains that if Ms. Cardoza's dog was not off property, the incident would not have happened. She also said that her concern is to not see this happen again and even though she has never been to the property for any incident, she recommended deeming the dog at risk for being dangerous. The owners of the residence must have a means to contain the dog on property to avoid escaping. The dog also needs to be walked by a controlling person on a four foot leash and if there are no incidents in two years, the dog will no longer be deemed at risk for being dangerous.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to close the hearing. Selectman Whiteside seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to deem the dog at risk for being dangerous with the following conditions: 1) must have a means to contain the dog on property such as a fence or a gate to avoid escaping. 2) The dog needs to be walked by a controlling person. 3) The dog must be walked on a leash at least four feet in length. If there are no incidents in two years, the dog will no longer be deemed at risk for being dangerous. Selectman Whiteside seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. DOG HEARING-7:30 P.M.

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VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Selectman Teitelbaum read the complaint letter into record. (*see attachment*)

Selectman Teitelbaum swore in all parties stating their testimony.

Present before the Board: Cheryl Gorgeatt-Dill, Animal Control Officer, Carl Schulz, Denise Schulz, Denise Wok, Darren Boucher, owner and trainer at Evolve Dog Training, Joe Paolino, Leslie Mason, and Judy Hazlett.

Ms. Gorgeatt-Dill read into record her report. (*see attachment*)

Ms. Wok stated that she was walking her two beagles and her Yorkshire terrier. As she passed Mr. Schulz's house, his dog Sierra was running along their electric fence and Mr. Schulz was mowing his lawn. When she was away from his house, Sierra came out of nowhere and attacked her beagle, Gracie, biting at her and jumping on her. Ms. Wok took the handle of her leash and started hitting Sierra to get her to stop. Mr. Schulz eventually arrived and put his dog in house. Ms. Wok stated that Mr. Schulz has paid all of the bills for Gracie without question. She also said her dog is now terrified of big dogs and she herself is afraid to walk by the house because she doesn't trust the electric fence Mr. Schulz has. Selectman Tropeano asked if there have been any past problems with the dog. Ms. Gorgeatt-Dill stated no, this is the first complaint involving Sierra. Mr. Schulz stated in his testimony that Ms. Wok was walking her three dogs while he was mowing the lawn. He reiterated that Sierra was running in the yard as well. He explained that a few seconds after she walked by, he heard the dogs barking and immediately ran into the parking lot. At that time he saw Ms. Wok and her three dogs and Sierra running to his house. He put the dog in the house and went back to Ms. Wok. He offered blankets and bandages for the dog and immediately offered to pay any bills that would be incurred. He has since taken several steps with Sierra to keep her safe including no longer allowing her loose in the yard, maximizing the electric fencing, hiring a dog trainer, and enclosing an opening in the backyard. He also stated that characterizing this as an attack is not warranted because the medical report described the injuries to Gracie's abdomen as lacerations, not bites. He does not believe Sierra bit Gracie. Selectman Whiteside asked Mr. Schulz what kind of dog Sierra is. Mr. Schulz stated she is a Blue Tick Hound and he has had her for seven years. Selectman Slavin asked if she is trained to hunt. Mr. Schulz responded no.

Mr. Boucher was before the Board and stated that he has been working with Mr. and Mrs. Schulz's dog for a couple of weeks and the dog is making good progress. He is

working on her control and socialization. She is a great dog and he hasn't had any problems with her training.

Joe Paolino read into record a letter he provided *(See attachment)*

Leslie Mason read into record a letter she provided. *(See attachment)*

Judy Hazlett read into record a letter she provided. *(See attachment)*

Ms. Gorveatt-Dill stated that the area Mr. Schulz lives in is a high traffic area of people and dogs. The first time she went there, she asked Mr. Schulz not to let the dog loose in the yard. She sent a letter instructing when the dog was not under their control, she is to be secured in a building, vehicle, or secure locked enclosure. On August 28th, after the letter was received, the dog was running loose in the yard. Ms. Gorveatt-Dill stated she has zero faith in the electric fence and reiterated the importance of not allowing the electric fence as a means of securing the dog because the attack was unprovoked and resulted in an extremely serious injury to another dog.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to close the hearing. Selectman Whiteside seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Ms. Gorveatt-Dill recommended deeming the dog as dangerous with the conditions to secure enclosure as recommended at the time of the incident that will prevent the dog from escaping and that the dog be walked by a controlling person securely restrained with a strong four foot leash in conjunction with a gentle leader head collar.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to deem the dog as dangerous with the conditions to secure enclosure that will prevent the dog from escaping and that the dog be walked by a controlling person securely restrained with a strong four foot leash in conjunction with a gentle leader head collar. Selectman Whiteside seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-no, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-no, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 3-2-0 (Selectman Slavin opposed and Selectman Munise opposed)

9. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

a. Constables

i. Robert Short

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Robert Short as Constable for the Town of Wareham for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

ii. Gregory Kamon

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Gregory Kamon as Constable for the Town of Wareham for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

iii. Karen Blair

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Karen Blair as Constable for the Town of Wareham for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

10. LICENSES AND PERMITS

11. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Update from Police Building Study Committee.

Present before the Board: Claire Smith

Ms. Smith stated that the Public Safety Committee is currently interviewing anyone who might have a vested interest in being a participant in the Public Safety complex. The Committee has spoken with the Police Department, EMS, Department of Natural Resources and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department so far. The Committee has also expressed interest in two particular properties owned by the Town. The first property is Minot Forest. Ms. Smith stated that the Sewer Department has also expressed interest in 10 acres of this property for infiltration beds which the Committee is not comfortable with. The second property is the Decas property. She asked the Board if there were any future plans for these properties before having the Committee move forward. Selectman Teitelbaum stated that he would like to see the Sewer Department attend a meeting a talk about their interest and future plans before the Board gives her an answer.

b. Vote to ratify hiring of David Riquinha – Director of Inspections/Building Commissioner and Michael Resendes – Mechanic at MM.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to ratify the hiring of David Riquinha-Director of Inspections/Building Commissioner. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to ratify the hiring of Michael Resendes-Mechanic at MM. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

c. Review and confirm Selectmen's fee schedule.

Selectman Whiteside explained that the Constable fee was added to the list and all fees were rounded to whole dollar amounts.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to adopt the Selectmen's Fee Schedule as presented. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

d. Discussion and vote to place articles upon Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to include the Approve and Fund FY21 Capital Plan Article to the 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to include the Transfer of Free Cash Article to the 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to include the Prior Year Bills Article to the 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to include the PEG Access Receipts Article to the 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to include the Union Contracts Article to the 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to include the McKinney-Vento Funds Article to the 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Slavin opposed)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to include the Endorse Master Plan Article to the 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to include the Rename School Petition Article to the 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Tropeano opposed)

- e. Any other Town business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting.

12. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan stated the flood map by laws will be reviewed and will not be ready for Fall Town Meeting.

13. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectmen Slavin stated that a letter is needed from the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in order to be automatically accepted as an age friendly community. The letter and a completed survey will be sent out by the COA.

The Route 6 and Swifts Beach Road intersection light project will be done in house by Mass DOT District 5 and is scheduled for 2024.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to continue meeting after 10:00 p.m. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

The Charter Review Group had a workshop meeting. The presentation was specific and referred to documents on file. There will be articles submitted for inclusion for Town Meeting.

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES-9/15/2020 (CONT'D)

14. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

b. Approval of meeting minutes: August 18, 2020; September 8, 2020

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes for August 18, 2020. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Tropeano abstained)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 8, 2020. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Tropeano abstained)

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 10:05 pm. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

16. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted

Cassandra Slaney

Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Selectmen on:

Attest: *Judith Whiteside*
Judith Whiteside, Clerk

Date Signed: *3-9-21*

Date sent to the Town Clerk: *3-10-21*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Complaint of Vicious or Barking Dogs

Section 157, Chapter 140, General Laws

July 14, 2020

I hereby make complaint hereon, that the dog owned or harbored by:

Denise and Carl Schulz
15 Roby st
Wareham, MA 02571

Is dangerous by reason of aggression:

1. The dog, described as a female, Blue tick hound named Sierra, had broken through its electric fence and attacked another dog inflicting serious injury.

On July 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM I, received a phone call from Cally Wolk. She reported that while her spouse, Denise Wolk, was walking their three dogs on lease a large hound type dog, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Schulz, jumped its electric fence at 15 Roby St and attacked their small beagle. She reported that their dog had serious injury to its hip and lower abdomen. I responded to 15 Roby St and spoke with the other dog owners, Denise and Carl Schulz, who did not see the actual attack. They did confirmed his dog, Sierra, had left his property and he had seen the other dog, belonging to the Wolks, had injury.

This complaint is made under the penalties of perjury.

Cheryl Gorgeatt-Dill
Wareham Animal Control Officer

Complainant's signature:

Cheryl Gorgeatt-Dill

Cheryl Gorgeatt-Dill
Wareham Animal Control Officer



Incident Report

07/17/2020

Incident #: 20-983-OF
Call #: 20-25056

te/Time Reported: 07/13/2020 1114
Report Date/Time: 07/13/2020 1234
Occurred Between: 07/13/2020 1030-07/13/2020 1045
Status: Incident Open

Reporting Officer: DNR Cheryl Gorveatt-Dill

Signature: _____

SUSPECT(S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
SCHULZ, CARL ALFRED III 15 ROBY ST WAREHAM MA 02571	M	W	64	138-50-9051	

itary Active Duty: N

BODY: NOT AVAIL.

DOB: 02/24/1956

LICENSE NUMBER: MA S18431124

COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.

PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL.

ETHNICITY: UNKNOWN

OFFENSE(S)	ATTEMPTED	TYPE
LOCATION TYPE: Residence/Home/Apt./Condo SCHULZ, CARL 15 ROBY ST WAREHAM MA 02571		Zone: WAREHAM SOUTH PATROL
DOG, FAIL MUZZLE/RESTRAIN 140/168	N	Misdemeanor
OCCURRED: 07/13/2020 1030		

VICTIM(S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
WOLK, CALLY R 15 HOWARD ST WAREHAM MA 02571-2778	F	W	59	*****	*****
DOB: *****					
ETHNICITY: Not of Hispanic Origin					
RESIDENT STATUS: Resident					
VICTIM CONNECTED TO OFFENSE NUMBER(S): 1					

PERSONNEL NARRATIVE FOR DNR CHERYL GORVEATT-DILL

Ref: 20-983-OF

On July 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM I, Wareham Animal Control Officer Gorgeatt-Dill spoke with dog owner Cally Robin Wolk by phone. She reported that while her spouse, Denise Lynn Wolk, was walking their three dogs on a leash a large dog, hound dog, jumped its electric fence at 15 Roby St and attacked their small beagle. She reported that their dog had injury to its hip and lower abdomen. She also reported that the dog was in surgery at Marion Animal Hospital for its injuries to the full extent of damage is not known at this time. I responded to 15 Roby St and spoke with the other dog owner, Carl Schulz, who was outside at the time of the incident but did not see the actual attack. He confirmed his dog was licensed, up to date on its shots, had left his property and he had seen the other dog had injury. He was given a 10 day quarantine for his dog per M.G.L. c129 ss 2,21,22. Carl and his wife was also informed that a dog hearing would be requested when the Wareham Selectmen resumed the process. I handed the dog owner a written request of safety restrictions to be placed immediately on the dog and kept in place until a dog hearing was possible. Carl Schulz and his wife showed great concern for the other dogs condition and very cooperative on keep their own dog contained.

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Town of Wareham
54 Marion Road
Wareham, MA 02571

Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq., Chairman
Judith Whiteside, Clerk
Alan H. Slavin
Patrick G. Tropeano
James M. Munise

CERTIFIED MAIL: 7018-1830-0000-9896-9317

Carl Schulz
Denise Schulz
15 Roby Street
Wareham, MA. 02571

Re: Hearing


Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schulz:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 157 of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held before the Board of Selectmen on **Tuesday, September 15, 2020** at 7:30 p.m. regarding a dog owned or kept by you. Please find attached a complaint letter from the Wareham Animal Control Officer. If you require more information, please let me know at your earliest convenience. The hearing will be held in the Wareham Multi-Service Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room 320, 48 Marion Road, Wareham, MA.

Your attendance is requested at this hearing in order that your interest is properly protected.

Please be advised that you are required to follow the COVID-19 guidelines by wearing a mask and practice social distancing.

Sincerely,


Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq.
Chairman

cc: Board of Selectmen
Animal Control Officer Cheryl Gorveatt-Dill
Police Chief John Walcek
Town Counsel

September 14, 2020

Wareham Board of Selectmen
54 Marion Road
Wareham, MA 02571

Dear Board of Selectmen,

I did not witness the dog attack on July 13, 2020, but I would like to be a character witness for Carl and Denise Shulz and their dog Sierra.

I am a neighbor of the Schulz's and find them to be very responsible dog owners. They often walk by my home with Sierra and I walk by their home with my dog. My dog is visually impaired and I am very careful where I walk with her and what dogs I let her "meet and greet". Sierra has always been calm, obedient and well behaved. The Schulz's always have control of her. If we stop to chat, Sierra will sit quietly until it is time to move on. She has never shown signs of aggression towards me or my dog.

Hopefully, you will consider this information when you determine a safety plan for Sierra.

Thank you,

Judy Hazlett
508-295-9368

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Hazlett".

September 15, 2020

Wareham Board of Selectman

Wareham, MA 02571

Dear Sirs,

This letter is in regard to the hearing regarding Sierra, owned by Carl and Denise Schulz.

My name is Leslie Mason and I reside at 43 Pleasant St. My family has owned this property for 55 years. I have been a dog owner for all of those years and currently own an 11-year-old rescue American English Coonhound named Shannon. It is because of Shannon that I had the pleasure of meeting Carl and Denise Schulz and their American English Coonhound Sierra.

My daily routine includes a walk with my dog around Swift's Beach for 2.5 to 3.5 miles. On our walk we walk down Roby St. where the Schulz's reside. In the Spring of 2015, we met Sierra and her family. Sierra and Shannon became friendly and we interacted on a regular basis. As I carry treats to distract Shannon from cats (not an issue for Sierra who lives with cats) we began to share the treats and Sierra would greet us in anticipation of a treat. Sierra always waited her turn and I never saw any food aggression even when family dogs were present and we all shared. She also remained in the yard, respecting the electric fence when we continued our walk.

Often the Schulz's and I would walk our dogs together (see attached picture) and I never witnessed any aggression towards any other dog that we may have encountered. The dogs enjoy this activity as well as each other's company.

American English Coonhounds are a unique breed of dog that are known for being intelligent, loving and enjoy spending time with their humans. I have observed only loving and positive interactions with Sierra, the Schulz's and the Schulz's two-year-old grandson.

In summary I would trust Sierra in the company of my dog and my family.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie J. Mason". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Leslie J. Mason, LICSW

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker

To Whom It May Concern,

I have lived at 14 Roby Street since May of 2014, and have known the Schulz's since we moved in. For this entire time period, the Schulz's have been very good neighbors, and are considered a plus to the entire neighborhood. They have always been very responsible with their dog, making sure she is contained on their property or leashed. I have never seen their dog be aggressive toward anyone, including my four grandchildren who have been around the dog numerous times when they visit. Upon hearing about the issue with their dog, I felt compelled to write this statement on their behalf as someone who has daily contact with them.

Joe Paolino
I can be reached at 617-755-2683



TOWN OF WAREHAM

54 Marion Road
Wareham, MA 02571

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Peter W. Teitelbaum Esq., Chairman
Judith Whiteside, Clerk
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James Munise

September 16, 2020

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7018 1830 0000 9897 1839

Carl Schulz
Denise Schulz
15 Roby Street
Wareham, MA. 02571

RE: Notice of Decision

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Schulz:

On September 15, 2020, a public hearing was held before the Board of Selectmen Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 140 Section 157 concerning complaints involving dogs owned or harbored by you.

After the close of the evidentiary hearing, based on the testimony heard and exhibits presented, the Board determined that your dog is deemed dangerous.

The Board voted the following motion:

1. Secure outside enclosure to prevent the dog from escaping the property.
2. When the dog is removed from the premises, the dog shall be walked by a controlling person securely restrained with a strong four foot leash in conjunction with a gentle leader head collar.

You are hereby ordered to comply with the above conditions within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and have the right to file an appeal in the Wareham District Court within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice.

Very truly yours,

Peter W. Teitelbaum
Chairman

cc: Board of Selectmen
Animal Control Officer Cheryl Gorgeatt-Dill

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Complaint of Vicious or Barking Dogs

Section 157, Chapter 140, General Laws

August 20, 2020

I hereby make complaint hereon, that the dog owned or harbored by:

Racquel Cardoza

82 Park Ave

East Wareham MA 02538

Is dangerous (or at risk) by reason of aggression:

On Wednesday July 29, 2020, at approximately 1929hrs Wareham Police Officers responded to 82 Park Ave for a report of a female juvenile that had been bit by a dog. Upon arrival the parties had moved to the area of 22 Hunter Ave. I was met by a female party who identified herself as Lindsay Pease. Lindsay stated that her daughter, Payton Pease, had been bit by a dog belonging to the residents at 82 Park Ave. I then spoke to the female party from 82 Park ave who identified herself as Racquel Cardoza. Both parties stated that as Lindsay walked past 82 Park Ave the dog inside the residence snuck out of the front doorway and ran towards Lindsay's dog. The dogs then began to fight for an unknown reason. While the dogs were fighting and the respective owners were pulling them away Payton got bit by one of the animals. The bite was superficial and caused a minor puncture to Payton's left forearm.

This complaint is made under the penalties of perjury.

Cheryl Gorveatt-Dill

Wareham Animal Control Officer

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Re: Hearing

Dear Ms. Cardoza:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 157 of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held before the Board of Selectmen on **Tuesday, September 15, 2020** at 7:15 p.m. regarding a dog owned or kept by you. Please find attached a complaint letter from the Wareham Animal Control Officer. If you require more information, please let me know at your earliest convenience. The hearing will be held in the Wareham Multi-Service Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room 320, 48 Marion Road, Wareham, MA.

Your attendance is requested at this hearing in order that your interest is properly protected.

Please be advised that you are required to follow the COVID-19 guidelines by wearing a mask and practice social distancing.

Sincerely,


Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq.
Chairman

cc: Board of Selectmen
Animal Control Officer Cheryl Gorveatt-Dill
Police Chief John Walcek
Town Counsel



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RE: Notice of Decision

Dear Ms. Cardoza:

On September 15, 2020, a public hearing was held before the Board of Selectmen Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 140 Section 157 concerning complaints involving dogs owned or harbored by you.

After the close of the evidentiary hearing, based on the testimony heard and exhibits presented, the Board determined that your dog is deemed at risk for being dangerous.

The Board voted the following motion:

1. A fence or some other form of containment to prevent the dog from escaping the property.
2. When the dog is removed from the premises, the dog shall be walked by a controlling person securely restrained with a device not to exceed four feet in length.
3. Two years in compliance and no incidents, dog would no longer be deemed dangerous.

You are hereby ordered to comply with the above conditions within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and have the right to file an appeal in the Wareham District Court within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice.

Very truly yours,

Peter W. Teitelbaum
Chairman

cc: Board of Selectmen
Animal Control Officer Cheryl Gorgeatt-Dill