

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD

Date of Meeting: November 14, 2023
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1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

2. ROLL CALL

Select Board members present: Judith Whiteside, Chair
Jared Chadwick, Clerk
Alan Slavin
Ronald S. Besse
Patricia Wurts

Also Present: Richard Bowen, Town Counsel
Gary Buckminster

Not Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator (excused)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. 7:00 DOG HEARING – DEVIN STANLEY

MOTION: Mr. Chadwick moved to open the hearing. Seconded. **VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)**

Hearing was declared open. Ms. Whiteside turned the hearing procedure over to Mr. Bowen. Mr. Bowen swore in the witnesses – Mr. Stanley and Mr. Buckminster. Mr. Stanley confirmed to Mr. Bowen that he had received a copy of the notice of the meeting as well as the complaint submitted.

Mr. Buckminster read the complaint into the record. Board members asked Mr. Stanley questions, to which he responded. He explained what efforts he had taken to “contain” the three dogs in question. The dogs are three female Siberian Huskies, the mother about 2 ½ years old. The two daughters are about 1 year old.

MOTION: Mr. Chadwick moved to close the hearing. Seconded. **VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)**

Ms. Whiteside explained that she wanted to add several conditions to those recommended regarding the dogs:

1. That the dogs be ‘shut into’ their outdoor kennel by 10 pm every night starting immediately.

2. That all three dogs receive their appropriate vaccinations, including rabies, within 30 days.
3. That all three dogs be licensed with the Town, as soon as possible.
4. That the dogs be walked only one at a time, until ALL the requirements of the SB have been met, most especially the licensing and inoculations.
5. That Mr. Stanley immediately acquire a One-million-dollar rider to his homeowner's policy.
6. That the dogs and the owners find training which will lessen the dogs' constant barking.

MOTION: Mr. Chadwick moved that:

1. The dogs must be humanely restrained; provided, however that no order shall provide that a dog deemed dangerous be chained, tethered or otherwise tied to an inanimate object including, but not limited to, a tree, post or building.
2. The dogs must be confined to the premises of the keeper of the dogs; provided however that "confined" shall mean securely confined indoors or confined outdoors in a securely enclosed and locked pen or dog run area upon the premises of the owner or keeper; provided further that such pen or dog run shall have a secure roof and, if such enclosure has no floor secured to the sides thereof, the sides shall be embedded into the ground for not less than 2 feet; and provided further that within the confines of such pen or dog run, a dog house or proper shelter from the elements shall be provided to protect the dogs.
3. The owner or keeper of the dogs must provide evidence to the licensing authority or animal control officer or other entity identified in the order, information by which the dogs may be identified, throughout their lifetime including, but not limited to, photographs, videos, veterinary examination, tattooing or microchip implantations or a combination of any such methods of identification.
4. When removed from the premises of the owner or the premises of the person keeping the dogs, the dogs must be securely and humanely muzzled and restrained with a chain or other tethering device having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding 3 feet in length.
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8. That the dogs be walked only one at a time, until ALL the requirements of the SB have been met, most especially the licensing and inoculations.
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All requirements must be accomplished within 30 days, with the exception of the training, which requirement must be met by Feb 14, 2024. Seconded. **VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)**

5. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible vote regarding Bebo's Sports Grill application for a Keno License

The members of the Select Board had no objection to Bebo's applying for a Keno license. **MOTION:** Mr. Chadwick moved to not object to Bebo's request to apply for a Keno license. Seconded. **VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)**

- b. Any other Town business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting. **NONE**

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Slavin moved to adjourn. Seconded. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

7. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wilfert

Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Select Board:

Attest: 
Jared Chadwick, Clerk

Date Signed: 12/12/23

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Select Board on: 12/12/23

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND/OR USED IN MEETING

1. Select Board hearing notice to Devin Stanley dated 10/5/23
2. Animal Control letter of complaint signed by Devin Cloutier and reports