

**TOWN OF STAMFORD**  
**SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**POTENTIALLY-VICIOUS DOG HEARING**  
**October 5, 2017**  
**(UNAPPROVED)**

Present: Selectboard: Nancy Bushika, David R. Tatro and Michael Denault.  
Daniel Potvin and Carol Fachini were not present.  
Visitors: Alex Dargie and Pat Sullivan.  
Luke McKay, Dog Officer.  
Lori Shepard, Administrative Assistant, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Nancy Bushika called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and opened with the pledge of allegiance. The oath was administered to all who would give testimony.

About six weeks ago Pat Sullivan was walking on East Road. She feels bad about the incident and doesn't want anything to happen to the dog. She originally didn't file any complaint but was later encouraged to do so. She doesn't want this to happen to a child. The hound owned by Alex Dargie left the Dargie property and bit Ms. Sullivan on the arm. Chris Dargie came out to make sure Ms. Sullivan was alright and offered her a ride home. The bite caused a lot of bleeding but Ms. Sullivan did not need medical care, declined the ride home and continued walking.

Alex Dargie apologized for the incident. He said he wasn't home when the incident occurred. The dog is always inside or put out on the run by his family when he is not home. When he is home, he takes the dog outside wearing a shock collar. On this day the screen door was not latched properly and the dog jumped on the door, pushing it open and ran out into the road where the incident occurred. He said there wasn't much he could do since he wasn't home when it happened. Mike Denault said he would rather hear that Alex Dargie will speak to his family and try his best to prevent this from happening again. Alex Dargie agreed and said he would make a better effort.

The Selectboard noted that in April 2016 there was a previous dog bite incident concerning this dog. Since one year has passed, this incident is viewed as a first bite.

The Selectboard agreed that the dog was running at large and inflicted minor injuries on Ms. Sullivan which did not require medical attention.

The Selectboard determined that the dog is a potentially-vicious dog which needs to be under the control of the owner at all times. When Mr. Dargie is not home, the dog will be inside or put out on the run by his family. The dog will go outside wearing a shock collar when Mr. Dargie is home.

The hearing was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

NLB/las

Nancy L. Bushika  
Clerk