

ALBURGH TOWN SELECT BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31, 2016
6:30 PM
ORDINANCE REVIEW

Present: Alton Bruso, Chuck Pease, Robert Creller, Lee Kimball

Guests: Danielle James Choiniere, Jennifer Hebert, Dylan Palmer

The meeting opened at 6:35 pm.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENT

None.

DOG ORDINANCE REVIEW

Section 10: This was the second half of the dog ordinance review and the board, following the town of Georgia's ordinance as a template, last left off at Section 10. They requested Section 10 be moved to be after Section 5. Some questions arose about dog bites that occur in the home and to what extent the ordinance is applicable. A source like the town attorney or VLCT should be asked.

The Select Board members also wanted it to be at their discretion whether or not a dog stays with its owner or is impounded by the ACO when an investigation is underway.

Section 11: That a person only needs to require medical attention to have a bite worth complaining about was stricken out. Seven days was amended to seven calendar days. Word order and commas were used without changing further language.

Section 12: This section dealt with pets in areas like schools, cemeteries, and trails. The board wanted to see pets leashed at outdoor school events, and under the owner's control on rec trails. Cemeteries were totally off limits. The Select Board members wanted to see if the school had any input on their property.

Section 13: There were minor changes of pronouns and verbs, and insisting damage done to other animals by dogs be well-documented by the complainant-- pictures highly recommended. Much of the remaining paragraphs were stricken and not retained for use in Alburgh's ordinance.

Section 14: This section needed to reference what was changed during the first dog ordinance review.

Section 15 & 16: The language here was good, the latter just needing a date update when the ordinance was finally approved.

OTHER ORDINANCE REVIEW

None.

VISITOR INPUT

ACO officer Jennifer Hebert sought permission to bring a sick feral kitten to a vet. The board had no issue with that, just whether or not a vet would invoice a municipality. Jen would look into finding one to make a town account with.

She also presented a Wish List for the kennel area she is building on her property. It consisted of 15 2x4x8 boards, 6 sheets of 4x8x½ inch plywood, and rolls of insulation. Lee Kimball asked what dimensions are needed for the insulation, and Jennifer would ask her husband who is doing the work.

- Lee Kimball motioned to authorize purchase of additional materials for Town use kennels. Chuck Pease seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

She also inquired about items purchased for the kennel area: 3 large kennel cages (5x8 feet, \$1200), used pellet stove (\$450), poured concrete (\$350), and chain link fence (\$250). She does not have receipts as most were purchased used from Craigslist. She has already paid for them out of pocket. Alton Brusio asked if these items are used for her own dogs to which she said no, all of her dogs stay in the house and are not kenneled outdoors. Brusio also asked about Jen signing a contract to which she said yes-- nothing was available to sign at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Chuck Pease motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Lee Kimball seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.