



Town of Adams Massachusetts 01220-2087

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**TOWN HALL BUILDING
8 PARK STREET**

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL, 8 PARK STREET, ADAMS, MA 01220

1st Floor, Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER: On the above date, the Board of Selectmen held a public hearing at 6:00 PM at the Adams Town Hall. Chair John Duval opened the meeting. Present: Chair John Duval, Vice-chair Christine Hoyt, Members Howard Rosenberg, Richard Blanchard and Joseph Nowak. *Town Counsel Edmund St. John was absent.* Also present were Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary; Brian Rhodes, iBerkshires; Lachay Canada, Dog Owner; Chief K. Scott Kelley, Adams Police Department; Animal Control Officer Kim Witek, Adams Police Department; Susan Marshall, Town Resident;

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Hearing 6:00pm: Dangerous Dog Determination under Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 140 § 136A; MGL C. 140§§157-174 and Chapter 14 of the Adams Town Code

Ms. Lachay Canada, Owner of the dog in question, wanted to make a request to postpone the hearing as her partner, Mr. Vega, who is also an owner, is not able to attend.

Member Blanchard noted that he would like the opportunity to hear from Mr. Vega as he was present for the incident.

Member Nowak and Member Rosenberg concurred with the sentiment that postponement would be the best. *Chairman Duval* noted that Town Council St. John was not present at the time of this hearing and it would be beneficial to have him there.

Chief Kelley stated that he would be able to attend the hearing if it were postponed until next week.

Officer Witek, Animal Control Officer stated that the dog is under a quarantine order (in the home of the owners) and a muzzle order.

Vice-chair Hoyt asked if the dog has received a booster vaccine and if the owners had paid the tickets that were issued on the day of the incident. *Ms. Canada* stated that the dog has received his boosters and that she had not yet paid the tickets. *Vice-chair Hoyt* asked that *Ms. Canada* provide vaccination records prior to the next date that the meeting would happen, as there is some consensus within the board to postpone.

Ms. Marshall, owner of deceased dog, stated that she wants to get the meeting over with and doesn't want to see this prolonged at all.

The members of the Board of Selectmen requested that this hearing happen as soon as possible.

Motion is made by Member Blanchard to postpone the public hearing until Thursday the 17th at 4:30pm. Motion is seconded Vice-chair Hoyt. Motion passes unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Member Blanchard. Motion is seconded by Vice-chair Hoyt. Motion passes unanimously. Public Hearing is adjourned at 6:12pm

Respectfully Submitted by Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary.




Joseph Nowak, Member



Richard Blanchard, Member



Christine Hoyt, Vice Chairman



Howard Rosenberg, Member



John Duval, Chairman