

**SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING  
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

**May 19, 2015**

Chair Linda Collins called the special meeting to order at 6:30 PM with members Tim Green, Chris Martel and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were Laura Ovitt, Janet Garron, Eugene Garron, Tom West, Terry Leonard, Susan Fletcher, Alan Fletcher and Tracy Ovitt (6:36 PM).

Linda turned the meeting over to Chris Martel, who explained the purpose of the special meeting was to gather information regarding a vicious dog complaint received concerning a (possible) pit bull owned by Daniel and Dorcas Button. He advised an attempt was made to contact the Buttons.

Janet Garron stated that, while walking her dog on May 7, the dog owned by the Buttons came off their property and attacked her dog. She provided photos of injuries she incurred due to falling during the attack.

Tom West provided testimony that he heard her cries for help and managed to get his truck between the two dogs.

Health Officer Terry Leonard said she visited the Buttons twice to ask for a record of rabies vaccination. Alan Fletcher provided a written statement regarding the dog leaving the Buttons' property and attacking him as he was walking by on April 12. He said a similar incident occurred on December 22. Animal Control Officer Tracy Ovitt reported she had been to the property in late December, and has been four times since the May 7 incident.

Chris Martel determined the constable will be contacted to serve the Buttons with a notice of hearing, such hearing to take place on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 PM at the town hall. A letter will be sent to Janet Garron.

Terry Leonard discussed a potential health issue involving animals at 57 Brook Street.

Tracy Ovitt discussed several animal issues on McAllister Road, Main Street and Thomas Street.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Laura Ovitt  
Administrative Assistant