

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

PRESENT: Mr. David A. Delanski; Chairman, Mr. Robert E. Lavash, Sr., Vice-Chairman and Mr. Dario Nardi; Clerk

ATTENDEES: Sara Prideau & Barry Mongeon

Chairman Delanski called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The Board met with Animal Control Officer, Sara Prideaux to discuss outstanding issues. Sara first updated the board to discuss the state's new requirements for kenneling animals. New laws have been enacted requiring towns to have an approved kennel. If a town doesn't have their own, it is permissible to regionalize with other towns. Currently, dogs are being kept at Sara's house. The Town of Palmer has an approved kennel and is willing to enter into a discussion in order to regionalize.

After some discussion, Mr. Lavash requested that Sara provide a detailed list of what the state requires. She was agreeable. In the meantime, the Board is willing to reach out to Palmer and begin a discussion on the matter.

During the meeting, Deb LaCasse, Assistant Town Clerk provided a memo outlining the back fees that were collected on dogs which included late fees, past due balances and citations. In addition, the memo outlined the fact that on two separate occasions, Sara missed the court dates which resulted in lost fees.

Sara did acknowledge on one of the dates she inadvertently forgot to go, however on the other, she claimed that the court never gave her a date. Nevertheless, the fees were dismissed by the court, which resulted in a loss of revenue to the town.

The Board requested that Sara be more mindful of dates/times.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mongeon was in attendance in order to clarify the position of the Finance Committee. According to Mr. Mongeon, he was approached by a member of the Board of Directors for the Warren Public Library. The individual (not named) stated that they were instructed to go to Finance for a RAT. Mr. Mongeon stated that their request would certainly not meet the criteria for approving a RAT (Reserve Account Transfer). The Board agreed to send both libraries a letter requesting their attendance at a meeting after the holidays in order to discuss the matter further.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Selectmen's Assistant

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk

