

**MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING  
VICIOUS DOG  
5:30 P.M. Thursday, January 19, 2023  
HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM AND VIA ZOOM**

**Select Board**

Eric Remick, Chair  
Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Vice Chair - *absent*  
Elizabeth Dow  
Shari Cornish - *Zoom*  
Danny Hale

**Others Present**

David Upson, Town Manager  
Casey Rowell, Business Manager  
Diane Grenkow  
Lucian Avery  
Miranda Davison  
Abrah Griggs - *Zoom*

**5:31 P.M.** Select Board Chair, Eric Remick, called the Public Hearing to order.

**5:32 P.M.** Pursuant to the Town’s dog ordinance, the Select Board to hear and receive testimony on a complaint of a “vicious dog” concerning a dog presently residing on Mackville Pond Road.

The Board received a written complaint about dogs that killed their chickens. They swore in three people who may testify...Diane Grenkow, Lucian Avery, and Miranda Davison. Diane explained that 7 of her 9 chickens were killed by a neighbor’s dog. She did a complete written statement that will be in the attachments of the minutes. Miranda Davison spoke that she feels remorse for the killing of the chickens and that she is willing to compensate Diane for the loss. She indicated that she now has her dogs on a leash. In the spring, she is going to build a kennel with a high fence around 8’ to keep them in.

David asked if Miranda had any questions about the ordinance. She asked about some language in the ordinance. David asked Miranda if she understood that the cost of the chickens includes feed and care. This was not the first incident of chicken killing. There was another incident in October 2021 - a police report was filed that time. Miranda indicated that she settled monetarily with that owner.

Eric explained that the Board will issue a follow up statement that includes that the dogs be leashed and that reparations be made with Diane.

**5:44 P.M.** With no further comments from anyone, Select Board Chair, Eric Remick, adjourned the Public Hearing.

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Casey Rowell, Business Manager

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Remick, Select Board Chair