

# TOWN OF CLARENDON

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Board of Selectmen- Public Hearing  
Simonds Dog Complaints  
January 17, 2020

## **Attendees**

### Select Board:

Mike Klopchin  
Cash Ruane  
Rick Wilbur  
Robert Congdon

Katie Rock, Board Secretary  
Karl Anderson  
Randle Kinney  
Jill Simonds  
Louie McNeil  
Mia Hendricks  
Steve Benard  
Andrew Cross

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Klopchin called the public hearing to order at 5:41PM.

## **2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

N/A

## **3. SIMONDS DOG COMPLAINTS**

Sheriff Steve Benard reported complaints against the Simonds dogs starting in June of 2019, at Karl Anderson's campground. Then he reported the 2 complaints that were filed this year. Jill Simonds mentioned at the time of the complaint, that she was in the process of buying a shock collar for the dog. The Deputy advised an enclosure would be more effective. Sheriff Benard read from Clarendon's Animal Ordinance regarding vicious dogs and dogs running at large. Chairman Klopchin asked Jill Simonds if she cared to comment. She said they have worked with the dog using a shock collar; he is a puppy (8-9 months), and they are thinking about putting up an electric fence. Jill and Mia Hendricks acknowledged he does like to play rough. Randle Kinney, the most present victim of the Simonds' dog, mentioned he didn't agree that it was puppy play. Louis McNeil was present and he is their neighbor next door. He said he is an animal lover, and these dogs are aggressive and intimidating. He explained an instance when his wife was cornered in their gazebo. He is most worried about his young grandchildren. Sheriff Benard encouraged the Select Board to have the Simonds set up an enclosure in a set time period, and register the dogs with the Town in a set time period. Robert motioned to enforce Steve's recommendation that an enclosure of some sort be built in 7 days and the dogs

be chained or on a leash if they are outside. Cash seconded for discussion. Cash voiced his concerns that residents would complain about the loud noises of barking dogs if they're chained up a not used to it. Louis McNeil said there should be zero tolerance if the dogs attack another person or are running at large. Robert further motioned that the dogs be registered with the Town by next business day Thursday (1/23/20), and fence/enclosure built by next Saturday (1/25/20), Rick seconded, all approved.

Robert further discussed that this is the last step and if there are any other complaints filed with the Town or the Sheriff, the dogs will be put down. Chairman Klopchin said that the deputy will check next Saturday to make sure there is a fence in place.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

N/A

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Robert motioned to adjourn at 6:02pm, Cash seconded, and all approved.

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