

Selectmen Public Hearing Minutes  
Monday, July 16, 2012

Present: Vice-Chairman Darcy, Selectmen Ebbighausen, Rideout, Schill, and TA Collins.

6:30 p.m. Chairman Darcy called opened the public hearing by reading the public notice.

TA Collins explained the changes to the ordinance. With the adoptions of the definitions in the zoning for commercial kennel and private kennel, the animal control ordinance has been revised to create a permit process for kennels. Private and Commercial Kennels will need site plan review and will be required to license with the town annually.

Lisa Borst was present and spoke in regard to her kennel located on Rosemont Drive. She is concerned with the expense involved in the site plan and whether she is grandfathered. She has an appointment with the planning board for an informal review on Tuesday night.

Selectmen Schill had a concern with the ordinance may be more restrictive than the state. TA Collins explained the state only gives out licenses group or commercial kennels.

Discussion took place with complaints received from kennels in close neighborhoods. With the process of licensing the kennels, the town will know where kennels are located and the ordinance will be a useful tool.

It was suggested the wording under "Private Dog Kennel or Group License" be clarified. Currently the sentence reads ".....means a place where more than five (5) but less than eight (8) dogs.....". Suggested change ".....means a place where there are five (5) but less than eight (8) dogs.....".

7:15 p.m. With no other comments, Chairman Darcy closed the public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins  
Town Administrator