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June 13, 2019

** CERTIFIED MAIL **

Paul and Janette Hill
112 North Street
Bristol, VT 05443

Subject: Complaints of Dog Ordinance violations

Dear Paul and Janette Hill:

We received a complaint from a neighbor regarding what is reported to be an on-going problem of the “non-stop” barking of your dogs. As defined in Section 125-2 of the Town of Bristol Dog Ordinance (enclosed), your dogs are creating a nuisance as they “[bark] excessively by disturbing the quiet and comfort of others by frequent, habitual, or persistent barking or howling.” We are requesting your cooperation to keep your dogs from barking so they do not disturb others in your neighborhood and to be respectful to your neighbors’ right to a quiet environment.

In addition, no dogs are currently registered under your name or at that address, which is in violation of Section 125-3 of the Ordinance and specifically states: “[a] person who is the owner of a dog more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 cause the dog to be licensed as required by 20 V.S.A. § 3581-3582. The failure of a dog owner to comply with that statute, shall constitute a violation of this ordinance and violation of 20 V.S.A. § 3550 (a), authorizing a municipality to impose a civil penalty of up to \$500 per violation.” This would apply to each dog. Please register the dogs immediately but no later than the week of June 17, 2019, or provide evidence that they are no longer on the premises.

If we receive another complaint, a public hearing will be scheduled before the Selectboard in accordance with Section 125-9 of the Ordinance to address the matter.

Please contact me at 453-2410 or townadmin@bristolvt.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Valerie Capels
Town Administrator

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C: Cale Pelland, Dog Warden
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