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Agenda Item III.1

JUN 21 2019

Attn: Valerie Capels,

Town of Bristol

19 Jun 2019

Subject: Complaints of Dog Ordinance violations

Valerie,

We appreciate you reaching out to us regarding a complaint received by one of our neighbors. Within your letter you had stated that our dogs are "non-stop" barking and that it has been an "on-going" problem. Because we like to take a proactive approach, we immediately spoke to several of our closest neighbors within proximity of our home to see if they had any problems with our dogs behavior, or if they had felt infringed upon within their rights to a quiet neighborhood. All of the neighbors we spoke to said that our dogs are not an issue and that if they do bark within the constraints of our home, it is not disruptive to their way of life.

Because we were unaware of the required dog registration process, upon receiving your letter via certified mail on 17 June 2019, we immediately took our dogs vaccination records to the Bristol town clerk's office and paid the required registration fee.

If possible, we would like to request the dates and times of each occurrence relied upon in support of the claim as outlined in Section 125-9 of the ordinance. Though our dogs behavior is neither habitual or excessive, by pinpointing the exact times of the dogs barking, we can better prevent this type of occurrence in the future. We are home some hours throughout the day and every evening, 7 days a week so it should be manageable to ensure the dogs are not excessively barking. We are willing to provide telephone numbers to the complaining neighbors so they can contact us directly in the event of this type of incident happening in the future when we are not home.

Respectfully,



Paul and Janet Hill
112 North Street
Bristol, VT 05443

*Per our telephone conversation on 19 Jun 2019 at 1616, please ensure this official response is provided to the following individuals, Calle Pelland, Jen Meyers, Sharon Lucia, Bruce Nelson and the Selectboard.