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May 22, 2020

Nancy Perlee  
201 Sunwood Lane  
Bristol, VT 05443

Subject: Barking dog nuisance complaint

Dear Ms. Perlee:

I am writing to confirm our phone conversation today, Friday, May 22, which was in response to a complaint I received from your neighbor on May 19, 2020 about the barking of your dog. You explained that you are now retired and are home almost all day. You acknowledged that your dog barks at traffic on the road and said he stops when you tell him to. You agreed that you would crate him on the occasions when you are away from home for a couple hours or so.

I will also reiterate the recommendation from last year's communications that you consider applying a collar that squirts citronella to discourage barking or other methods to discourage his barking. You mentioned then that you have a bark box, which emits an auditory signal when the dog barks, but you were concerned that you may now not be physically able to set up and maintain it.

Regardless of the number of neighbors who have or have not come forward to express concerns, we reiterate our request for your cooperation to keep your dog from barking so he does not disturb others in your neighborhood. If additional complaints are received, this matter will need to be revisited.

Please contact me at 453-2410 or [townadmin@bristolvt.org](mailto:townadmin@bristolvt.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Valerie Capels  
Town Administrator

C: Cale Pelland, Dog Warden  
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