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February 24, 2021

**\*\* CERTIFIED MAIL \*\***

Travis Manning  
91 Vincent Drive  
Bristol, VT 05443

Subject: Dog Ordinance Violations Selectboard Public Hearing Notice

Dear Mr. Manning:

In June 2019 and September 2020, the Selectboard held hearings in response to written complaints received alleging numerous accounts that your dogs were running at large and exhibiting threatening or threatening behavior. At that time, the dogs were also not registered, as required by Section 125-3 of the Bristol Dog Ordinance.

The Selectboard also ordered that your dogs be registered and be confined to your premises (when not otherwise under your control elsewhere), whether by leads, fencing, or some other effective means. The dogs were eventually registered, the citations were paid, and the warrant to impound the dogs was not executed.

We have received an additional complaint and documentation that at least one of the dogs was running at large on Vincent Drive on February 16, 2021 and exhibiting aggressive or threatening behavior. Section 125-5 of the Bristol Dog Ordinance specifies that dogs running at large is a violation of the Ordinance. Section 125-2 of the Ordinance defines a vicious dog as one that "... causes reasonable fear of bodily injury by attacking or threatening to attack any domestic animal or any person ..." Running at large and the behavior of a vicious dog are defined as nuisances, which are prohibited in Section 125-4 of the Ordinance. Both of these allegations are a serious concern. **You are strongly advised to take immediate measures to secure your dogs.**

In accordance with Section 125-9 of the Ordinance, the Selectboard will conduct a hearing on **Monday, March 1, 2021, at 6:00pm**. Due to the pandemic, the meeting will be held via Zoom. You are encouraged to be present or provide information in advance to represent you.

To join the Zoom meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/>  
Meeting ID: 856 6813 7815  
Passcode: 994616  
Join meeting by phone: 1 (646) 558-8656

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