



Town of Bristol
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March 8, 2023

** CERTIFIED MAIL **

Michael Mulligan
1750 Lower Notch Road
Bristol, VT 05443

Subject: Selectboard Hearing Regarding Nuisance Dog Complaints

Dear Mr. Mulligan:

The Town of Bristol has received numerous reports about at least one dog on your premises excessively barking “at all hours of the day” and into the evening. Excessive barking is identified as a nuisance in Section 125-2 of the Bristol Dog Ordinance (copy enclosed) and is prohibited per Section 125-4. An officer with the Bristol Police Department issued a warning on October 11, 2022 and, upon a second complaint, issued a citation on December 6, 2022 for the excessive barking nuisance violation. Additional complaints have subsequently been received. In addition to the impacts such disturbances have on the “quiet and comfort of others by frequent, habitual or persistent barking ...”, concerns have been expressed about the well-being of the animal(s). Both of these are a serious concern.

Following the first warning, we understand you were advised that your dog(s) needed to be registered with the Town of Bristol Clerk’s Office. A license for “Reggie” was issued on October 25, 2022; however, it appears there is more than one dog residing on the premises. No other licenses have been issued. Failure to register all dogs residing on the premises is a violation of Section 125-15 of the Ordinance. Please contact the Town Clerk at (802) 453-2410 ext 5 or the Bristol Police Department at (802) 453- 6837 if you need assistance with the registration process.

As a result of what appears to be on-going violations as noted above, **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the Selectboard will be holding a public hearing to consider these allegations and determine a course of action at their meeting on **Monday, March 13, 2023**. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Although the order of agenda items has not yet been finalized, this matter is expected to be among the early items on it. You and others may participate in person or remotely via Zoom. The agenda will be posted at the Town Office and on the Town Web site by Friday afternoon and will also be available by e-mail.

Please contact me at 453-2410 ext 1 or townadmin@bristolvt.org if you have any questions.

Michael Mulligan
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie Capels". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V'.

Valerie Capels
Town Administrator

Enc.

C: Bristol Police Department
Sharon Lucia, Town Clerk
Complainants