

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE  
SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING  
March 21, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: Adam White called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.**

**Board Members Present:** Adam White-Chair, Mark Cobb Sr.-Vice Chair, AnnaMarie DeMars, John Lawrence and Bill Baron

**Board Members Not Present:**

**II. GUESTS:** Constable Todd Boutin, also Grand Isle Animal Control Officer and Ron Bushway, Grand Isle Health Officer

**Community Members Present:**

**III. NEW BUSINESS: Dog Bite:**

Todd Boutin, Animal Control Officer reported he was notified on March 19, 2016 at 12:15pm that Elizabeth Boyer's Pit Bull named Charlotte was accidentally let out of her house on Griswold Road. The Pit Bull then ran across to Mary MacBride's home on Simms Point Road and attacked her small Chihuahua named Suzee. When Ms. MacBride picked up her dog the Pit Bull bit her on the finger.

The Pit Bull then ran across the road to John Martin's residence and started attacking his dog. Mr. Martin held the Pit Bull in his hands and people came and picked up the dog.

Ms. MacBride took her dog to the vets. The damages were so extensive her dog had to be put down. The vet bill, including cremation was \$335.71. Todd informed her that it was her decision to press charges or not.

Another incident had happened with the same Pit Bull on 12/13/15 at The Round Apartments. The Pit Bull had attacked another dog in the hallway after he was accidentally let out of the apartment. The dog sustained extensive injuries. Ms. Boyer's hand was damaged during the incident. After this incident Ms. Boyer was ordered to muzzle the dog each time it leaves the residence it is residing in. Todd checked on the dog several times and stated the dog was muzzled each time he checked. Ms. Boyer has been evicted from the Round Barn Apartments because of this incident.

Another incident happened where the Pit Bull bit a friend of Ms. Boyer who did not press charges. Todd has the paperwork involved in this encounter.

Todd said this dog has a history of attacking dogs. He believes the reason people were injured was because they reached in during the attack and the Pit Bull then bit them. He said he does not think the Pit Bull would go after a human but if the dog were in the middle of a fight and a person tried to break it up the Pit Bull would attack them.

The concern of the Board is if this dog would attack a small child.

John said it is the responsibility of the Selectboard to protect the people of Grand Isle.

Bill makes a motion to impound the dog and have it euthanized, per section 4 & 12 of the Town's Dog Ordinance. John seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Todd requested a court order for the Pit Bull to be euthanized. He said he contacted Dr. Ann Bazilwich from the Grand Isle Veterinary Hospital. She said she could euthanize tomorrow, March 22, 2016. Adam will contact the Town Attorney tomorrow to get the court order to euthanize the Pit Bull.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:** Bill makes a motion to adjourn at 6:34pm. Mark seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachael Griggs, Selectboard Secretary

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Adam White, Selectboard Chair

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