

Town of Brookfield Special Selectboard Meeting
Dog Bite Complaint Hearing
Monday July 20, 2026
6:00 pm
Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

MINUTES

Present: John Benson, Chair; Stuart Edson, Keith Sprague, Laura Roachat, Curtis Koren, members. Vicki Blandhard, Administrative Assistant. Carol Monness, Town Clerk. Eric Jordan, Kevin Wheatley. Norman Corliss (owner of dog) did not attend.

Call to order – Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Adopt the Rules of procedure for Domestic Bites -Mr. Benson made a motion to adopt the Rules and Procedures for Vicious Dog/Domestic Pet Bite Hearings as presented. All unanimously approved.

Public Hearing for Domestic bite – Mr. Edson read the following warning:

“The Selectboard of Brookfield, Vermont, will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to 20 V.S.A §3546 on Monday July 20, 2026 at 6;00 pm at the Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT to hear evidence and receive testimony on a complaint of a vicious dog, name unknown, owned by Norman Corliss presently residing at 2567 Stone Rd., Brookfield, VT. This hearing will be open to the public to attend, but it is not open to public comment. Only those offering evidence in the above-state matter will be allowed to participate.”

Mr. Benson asked the complainant if he had received a copy of the Rules and Procedures and if they had any questions. Complainant confirmed they had received copy and had no questions.

Mr. Edson proceeded to read the Written Complaint and Request for Hearing.

Mr. Benson then read an oath for the witnesses and they in turn repeated this oath.

Mr. Benson asked if there was anyone that had any conflicts of interest, and no one had any.

Eric Jordan produced the following: a witness statement from Jasmine Young who stopped to assist Eric, Certificate of Rabies Vaccination, Medical record of dog, Emergency visit summary on Eric, notes from emergency room nurse Elizabeth, emergency room notes from attending Doctor Tyson McKechnie, emergency room notes from another nurse Callie, emergency room notes from Matthew Greenberg MD, your emergency visit summary notes, after visit summary, upcoming tests and procedures sheets and pictures from the on site attack. Mr. Benson asked Eric to give a summary of what actually happened during the attack. Eric gave a full description. He also stated that this was the second bite he had received from this dog.

Kevin Wheatley who was also bit by this same dog in December 2025 gave a complete description of his encounter with the dog. Mr. Benson asked Kevin if this was the same dog that bit Eric and she said yes. Since Kevin lives next to Norman Corliss the owner of the dog he asked if the dogs are restrained in any way or not and was told he did not feel they were.

Carol Monness the Town Clerk stated that this dog has never been licensed and submitted this in writing.

Mr. Edson then read the testimony from Jasmine Young, the nurse on her way to work who stopped to help, from June 29, 2026 the date of the incident.

Also, the Selectboard meeting minutes from December 8, 2025 were entered because Dan Mason had reported the dog biting incident on Kevin Wheatley.

Dan Mason also submitted to the Selectboard a complete statement of the incident with Eric Jordan.

A copy of the Town's Animal Ordinance is included in this report also.

Deliberation - Mr. Benson made a motion to go into Deliberation at 6:52 pm and the board deliberated until 7:23 pm. All unanimously approved.

After deliberation Mr. Benson then stated the Board is still in Deliberation on the Dog bite issue and will continue its Deliberations in the coming days and will issue the findings and conclusion within 15 days of this meeting.

This issue will be on the agenda for the July 27, 2026 Board meeting.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

Respectfully submitted
Vicki Blanchard
Administrative Assistant