

## Starksboro Selectboard Vicious Dog Bite

Hearing

May 12, 2026

Unapproved

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**Board members present:** Carin McCarthy, Tony Porter, Eric Cota, David Schmidt, Koran Cousino

**Others present:** Emily Fisher, Amanda Vincent – Town Administrator, Henry Trombley, Dale Hoffman, Becky Trombley, Luke McCarthy – Town Health Officer, Michelle Fuller – Animal Control Officer, Cecilia Elwert, Mark Adams, Bailey Murphy

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Koran Cousino introduced all Selectboard members, read the notice of the hearing and the received complaint from Henry Trombley.

Koran Cousino swore in Henry Trombley, Dale Hoffman, Becky Trombley and Emily Haney.

Carin McCarthy disclosed that her parents live on the road and her parents have experienced altercations with this dog, but that she remains grounded in assessing the facts.

The Selectboard accepted the following written information: the complaint, notice of return service, dog ordinance, expired rabies vaccine certificate, VSP incident report, body cam footage, ER visit summary from Dale Hoffman, impact statement from Becky Trombley, the doctors letter.

Becky Trombley brought an impact statement and medical bills from the vicious dog bite incident.

Becky Trombley read the impact statement and noted the \$7,145 in medical related expenses across five visits. It's noted that had the dog been available for observation, these costs could have been avoided.

The Selectboard had no questions for the complainant/victim.

There is no representative of the dog owner present.

Michelle Fuller, Animal Control Officer, provided brief oral testimony.

Koran Cousino swore in Cecilia Elwert.

Cecilia Elwert provided oral testimony regarding her concern.

Dale Hoffman provided oral testimony from his experience being bitten by the dog.

Koran Cousino swore in Carin McCarthy and Mark Adams.

Mark Adams provided oral testimony.

Carin McCarthy provided oral testimony.

Emily Fisher provided oral testimony as a witness to the dog bite.

According to Mark Adams, the dog is no longer in South Starksboro and is living on a farm. There is still great concern even if the dog has left South Starksboro.

Final comments were provided.

Luke McCarthy thanked Michelle Fuller for her efforts with this complaint.

Koran Cousino sworn in Luke McCarthy.

Luke McCarthy, Town Health Officer, provided oral testimony.

Tony Porter motioned to close the hearing. David Schmidt second. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator

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