

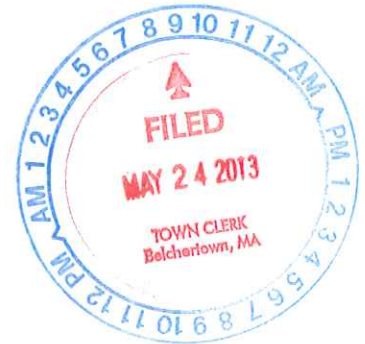


**Animal Control Advisory Board**  
**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN**

**Lawrence Memorial Hall**  
**2 Jabish Street, P.O. Box 670**  
**Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007**

Date: May 21, 2013

Time: Meeting Convened 6:10 pm  
Meeting Adjourned 7:15 pm  
Place: Town Hall, Selectmen's Room



**Present:**

Brian Breveleri, Board Member  
Carol Kasabian, Board Member  
Nicole Miner, Chairperson & Secretary  
Audrey Safford, Board Member  
Anna Fenton, Animal Control Officer  
Christopher & Mindie Richter, 30 Pepper Ridge Drive  
Curt Copeland, 42 Pepper Ridge Drive  
Brook Beaulieu, 18 Pepper Ridge Drive

First order of business to hear the complaint of the Richters for a dog-dog bite incident that occurred on April 16, 2013 between the Richter's mixed breed, Hubble, and Mr. Copeland's Vizsla, Annie.

The Richters allege that Annie left her property on April 16, 2013 and entered their yard, proceeding to get into a fight with Hubble, resulting in bite wounds to Hubble's chest and elbow.

Due to the land covenants of Pepper Ridge Dr. no property is to have fencing installed on its perimeter. Many of the property owners have installed an invisible fence for their own animals.

Mr. Copeland stated that he does not believe that Annie is responsible for this incident because he claims she was in the house with him the entire day. However, Mr. Copeland agrees that Annie leaving her property is an issue and he is open to correcting the matter.

The Board ordered Mr. Copeland to construct a kennel or install an invisible fence on the property no later than June 21, 2013. Animal control will verify that this order has been satisfied on or shortly after June 21, 2013.

Second order of business to review the letter dated May 1, 2013 from Mr. Brougham indicating Board term expirations of Carol Mae Wagner and Nicole A. Miner. Wagner was not present for the vote, however, Audrey Stafford voted to renew Wagner's term and it was seconded by Brian Breveleri. Nicole Miner expressed interest in renewing her term. Brian Breveleri voted to renew Miner's term and Carol Kasabian seconded.

Miner offered up her position as Chair and/or Secretary to the other members. No interested was expressed.

No subsequent meeting was scheduled. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Prepared by Nicole A. Miner, Secretary & Chair

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May 23, 2013

Mr. Curt Copeland  
42 Pepper Ridge Drive  
Belchertown, MA 01007

Animal Owner/Appellant: Curt Copeland  
Animal: Annie  
Hearing Date: May 21, 2013  
Subject: Written decision of hearing dated 21May13

Dear Mr. Copeland:

Pursuant to the above-identified matter, the Animal Control Advisory Board has formally decided the following:

**In the matter of the April 16, 2013 incident of a dog bite:** You are ordered to construct a kennel or install an invisible fence no later than June 21, 2013. If at any time Annie is outside of the boundaries of the kennel or fence, she must be directly supervised by an adult. Animal Control will follow up on or shortly after June 21, 2013 to confirm the Board's order is satisfied. Any subsequent complaints alleging violations of this order will result in a re-hearing and possible harsher penalty.

Pursuant to the by-laws of the Town of Belchertown, sections 15-12, paragraph D, all parties have the right to appeal this decision to the Board of Selectman within ten (10) days of the postmark of this decision.

Regards,

Nicole Miner, Chairperson  
Animal Control Advisory Board

Cc: Mr. & Mrs. Richter  
Office of the Belchertown Clerk  
Office of the Belchertown Selectmen  
Anna Fenton, Animal Control Officer

