

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
***“Local Law No. 1 of 2017 Dog Licensure Law”***  
***“Local Law No. 2 of 2017 Dog Control Law”***  
**TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN**  
***August 14, 2017***

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by ***Lawrence Eckhardt*** at **7:05 PM** at the Town Hall.

***MEMBERS PRESENT:***

***( X ) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt***

***( X ) Highway Superintendent, Alden Goodermote***

***( X ) Councilman Chris Demick***

***( X ) Assessor, Jennifer Van Deusen***

***( X ) Councilman William Jennings***

***( ) Legal Counsel, Craig Crist***

***( ) Councilman Philip Roder***

***( X ) Councilman Gerald Robinson***

***( X ) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar***

A quorum  was  wasn't established.

**14** from the Public were present

- *A DRAFT of the Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2017 “Dog Licensure Law”*
- *A DRAFT of the Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2017 “Dog Control Law”*

***MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:***

*L. Eckhardt:* explains why the board is updating the current laws, the dog control law was last updated in 1993 and the dog licensure law was last updated in 2010, we had several discussions, this is our 3<sup>rd</sup> go around with this 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing and third workshop, open up to the public.

*E. Hartwell:* question regarding the fencing in the dog control law, does the fence need to be solid and is there a height requirement?

*B. Jennings:* doesn't have a specific requirement.

*L. Eckhardt:* as long as it does what it needs to do, keep the dogs in and noise down.

*B. Hartwell:* question regarding the term “excessive barking” what is considered excessive barking? Has a kennel and the dogs sometimes bark when they hear or smell something, has done everything possible to keep the noise down but still running into issues with one neighbor.

*B. Jennings:* that's when the dog control officer will investigate and determine whether or not it's excessive barking and figure out what needs to be done to prevent the barking.

*G. Robinson:* it's not if it happens once or twice, the dog control officer needs to determine if it is an on going issue and if more people are complaining about the barking.

*L. Eckhardt:* we aren't going to vote on this tonight our tradition is to save all the voting until we have our regular board meeting giving time for additional comments if there are any. Next month we go into budget season. Asks if there are any further comments, moves to close.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:15 PM**

**MOTION BY: JENNINGS**

**SECONDED BY: DEMICK**

**VOTES OF: 3 AYE**

**0 NAY**

**\*\*A Workshop Meeting** is held every second Monday of every month at **7:00PM** at the Town Hall.

**\*\*The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

*Stephanie M. Wagar*

**Town Clerk**