

Minutes [NonPublic]-Session 2
Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting
March 7, 2011

Betty Holmes NonPublic Session RSA 91-A:3 (a):

At 4:30 p.m., Sara made a motion to move into nonpublic session citing RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Roll call was unanimous in the affirmative.

Betty came before the Board to ask why she had been relieved of her duties as animal control officer without the opportunity to explain herself of her position. Joe explained to Betty he placed a call to Betty, left a message that his dogs had gotten loose. One dog was hit and killed and the other stayed by its side. The sheriff department got a hold of JoAnne Gayer, who came out and took care of both dogs and was sympathetic to the loss of one of his dogs. Joe continued by saying two days later he received a gruff message from Betty asking if he found his dogs. He finds the delay unacceptable.

Betty told Joe she never called him and asked where the dog was found. Joe replied on Route 16 in Madison. Betty replied it was Madison's call, not hers. Joe told Betty her reply to his phone message was not in a timely manner. Betty again told Joe she did not call him and she does not cover Madison. Betty added the sheriff's office had called to say a dog was hit on Route 16 on Madison/Albany town line.

Betty again said she thought she should've been able to come in and defend herself. Sara replied she is right and she apologizes.

Jack told Betty he stands by the Board's vote to terminate her and will defend it with no remorse. Jack told Betty when Joe called her, he deserved a response. Betty said she did not get the message until 10 p.m. Jack asked if that was the only way to get in touch with her. Betty replied no, the sheriff's department can radio her. Betty added she would have called Joe the next day but the sheriff's office had already informed her one dog was dead and she finds it concerning that after 20 + years of service to Albany that this was the way she was let go. Jack again said he had no remorse and would defend the decision. Betty said fine but she should've had the opportunity to defend her position. Joe apologized saying the Board is new.

At 4:41 p.m., Jack motioned to move into public session, seconded by Joe and all were in favor.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard

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