



Police Commission

Monday, August 31, 2026, 6:00 PM, Zoom/Contois Auditorium

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1. Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

1.3. Additions or Modifications to Agenda

2. Adopt Minutes

2.1. Motion to adopt previous meeting's minutes

3. Public Forum

3.1. The public is invited to address the Committee

4. Dangerous Dog Hearing in re: "Moose"

Subject	4.1. Documents regarding the dangerous dog hearing
Meeting	August 31, 2026 - Dangerous Dog Hearing in re: "Moose" - Monday, August 31, 2026, 6:00 PM, Zoom/Contois Auditorium
Category	4. Dangerous Dog Hearing in re: "Moose"
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5. Adjournment

5.1. Motion to Adjourn

6. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements

Subject	6.1. This agenda is available in alternative formats upon request. For more information on access, call Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator (802-865-7136)(TTY 802-865-7142). Persons with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate are encouraged to contact 802-865-7000 (voice) or 802-865-7142 (TTY) at least 72 hours in advance so that proper arrangements can be made. This meeting will also air on Town Meeting TV the Wednesday after the meeting, starting at 8:00 pm and repeating at 1:00 am and 7:00 am the following day. The City of Burlington will not tolerate unlawful harassment or discrimination on the basis of political or religious affiliation, race, color, national origin, place of birth, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, disability, HIV positive status, crime victim status or genetic information.
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Category	6. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements
Department	Council and Board
Type	

CSO Stirling
City of Burlington Animal Control Committee
% Burlington Police Department
1 North Ave. Burlington, VT 05401

July 16, 2026

To CSO Stirling & City of Burlington Animal Control Committee:

Two and a half years ago, we wrote to the city to express grave concern about a dog (Moose) that lived in our neighborhood at [REDACTED] owned by Diane Wheeler. We provided documentation of numerous dangerous run ins with the dog, where people and other dogs were attacked. Despite our efforts, Moose continued to attack people and dogs, as well reported in local media, most recently extensively in a Boston Globe article.

Despite all of this, and a direct city mandate/decision that the dog never return to the Wheeler home, the dog continues to reside here on Roseade Parkway. The Wheelers continue to walk the dog in local parks, with no muzzle, also against city mandate/decision. This, and more, are all against both court order and city decisions about this dog.

Neighbors continue to report seeing the dog at the house here on Roseade to the BPD, but response never comes in time to catch the dog at the house, if the BPD responds at all. The Wheelers know the city does not respond and they intentionally remove the dog once a neighbor engages with them about the dog still being there. Then Moose returns again and again to the house.

This matter and the growing list of attacks, as well as the Wheelers' blatant disregard for the law and mandates, have been well documented in the courts, BPD reports, and in the media. We are at a loss as a neighborhood as to why this dog has not been removed permanently from the Wheeler's possession.

This dog is going to continue to attack people and dogs, when given the chance. We are gravely concerned he will eventually disable or even kill someone.

Especially now that it is summer, the neighborhood is full of kids running around and yelling, dogs out and about, and all sorts of foot traffic on the street. These are conditions that for an aggressive, traumatized, untrained, and unsupported dog like Moose will lead to a horrible outcome.

Why has the city not taken this dog away, especially as the Wheelers continue to ignore the law, orders, and mandates? We have made many eye witness accounts proving the dog is at the house, with no city response. What will it take for the city to finally definitively act and remove Moose from the Wheelers' for good?

Enough is enough. This dog is a documented very dangerous public safety issue. We are demanding immediate response from the police to catch this dog at the house when we report it. The city needs to be ready to impound the dog for good.

Please notify us on how we are to make a report to the BPD for immediate action. The current BPD process has our reports languish for hours or days, including over weekends waiting to go to supervisors. This is unacceptable.

You can reach Llu at the info provided below, with the information on how we can report for immediate action on this matter.

Signed by the following neighbors of Moose:

Llu Mulvaney-Stanak, [REDACTED]

Kate Van Wagner, [REDACTED]

Laura Hardy & Juli Gardner, [REDACTED]

Jennifer Moore & David Nacmaine, [REDACTED]

Jennifer & Dominic Aloï, [REDACTED]

Shelley Spinner & Alex Weinhagen, [REDACTED]

Bonny & Gar Smith, [REDACTED]

Cc:

City Councilor Mark Barlow

City Councilor Evin Litwin

City of Burlington Police Department, Chief of Police Burke

City of Burlington Attorney's Office, Jessica Brown

City of Burlington, Animal Control Committee, Chair Michaela Finneran

Please share this letter/email with Chair Finneran and Chief Burke, as I could not find public email addresses for them.

BURLINGTON, VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.

IN RE: Complaint Regarding Vicious Dog
“Moose”

BURLINGTON POLICE COMMISSION
ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

ENTRY ORDER ON REMAND

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. This matter originally came before the Animal Control Committee on March 6, 2024, pursuant to its authority as conferred by Burlington City Ordinance Chapter 5, Section 27 on a written complaint from a group of residents in the Roseade Parkway area regarding the behavior of a neighborhood dog, “Moose”, then-owned by Diane Wheeler.
2. The Residents complained that Moose’s behavior and Ms. Wheeler’s failure to manage it was creating safety issues for the neighborhood. The Committee heard testimony and received exhibits on the issue of whether Moose is a vicious dog within the meaning of the Ordinance. The Committee noted that while much of the concerns raised by the Residents were problematic, such as Moose’s running at large, barking, and lunging, the finding that Moose had bitten another neighborhood dog off of Ms. Wheeler’s property, breaking the skin, required it to conclude that Moose is vicious. *Animal Control Committee Order*, March 2024, para 18.
3. Based on that conclusion and as empowered by Ordinance, the Committee ordered that within thirty (30) days, Moose be re-homed to a home or facility that could adequately manage his behavioral needs, and, at a minimum, that such location be adequate to prevent him from roaming off of the premises. ACC Order at 24. In the intervening period between the Committee’s order and when an adequate location could be identified, the Committee ordered strict conditions for Moose’s care and keeping, including being muzzled and leashed when off of the Wheeler property and refraining from walking Moose in the Roseade Parkway Neighborhood. *Id.*
4. Ms. Wheeler appealed the Committee’s order to the Chittenden Superior Court. On or about September 4, 2024, the Court held an initial conference and stayed the Committee’s order during the pendency of the appeal, on strict conditions that Moose only be walked with a leash, prong collar, and muzzle, and that he be under the control of a capable adult at all times. *In Re Diane*

Wheeler, Chittenden Superior Court—Civil Division, 24-CV-01384; Judge’s Entry Order, September 4, 2024.

5. On September 26, 2024, the Court held a hearing on the City’s motion to vacate the stay of the Committee’s order. After an evidentiary hearing, including witness testimony and documentary evidence, the Court found that Ms. Wheeler had not complied with the conditions of the stay when she allowed Moose to be walked by her mother without a prong collar or muzzle. This resulted in her mother losing control of Moose and allowing him to approach and bite a person, which required medical attention. The Court granted the City’s motion, vacating the stay and authorizing the City to impound Moose until such time as Ms. Wheeler complied with the Committee’s order. *In Re DW*, Order Authorizing Fees and Impoundment, September 30, 2024.
6. After several additional motions and orders, including Ms. Wheeler’s dismissal of her appeal, Moose was finally delivered to the City’s custody for impoundment pending compliance with the Committee’s order. *See In Re DW*, Record, generally.
7. After over a week of impoundment, the Court temporarily modified the Committee’s order in order for Moose to be released from impoundment and delivered to the custody of Ms. Wheeler’s sister and spouse (the Lessors) for care and management under strict conditions until such time as Moose could be delivered to an intensive board and train program for rehabilitation. Upon completion of the program, Moose was to be rehomed to a location meeting the requirements of the Order and to be returned to the Lessor home as needed on an interim basis until arrangements for rehoming could be made. *In Re DW*, Approval and Order of Joint Stipulation, October 17, 2024.
8. In December 2024, Ms. Wheeler asked the Court to grant a further modification, requesting that Moose be permitted to be in her custody for the purpose of obtaining veterinary care and training at various locations around the City, include at her mother’s residence on Roseade Parkway, where many of the incidents relevant to this matter have occurred. *In Re DW*, Motion to Modify, Index #6.
9. In response, on January 3, 2025, the Court remanded this matter to this Committee for a determination of whether grounds to reopen this matter exist, and if so, to consider any new evidence presented by the parties as to whether circumstances have changed such that the conditions previously ordered as necessary to protect the public should be modified. *In Re DW*, Entry Order Regarding to Motion to Modify.
10. On March 20, 2025, after notice to Ms. Wheeler, the Burlington Police Department animal control unit, and all interested parties, the Committee held a hearing on these issues as directed by the Court. The Committee is comprised of Commissioner Jessica Oski, acting as chair,

Commissioner Mary Cox, and Commissioner Michaela Finneran, all appointed to the Committee pursuant to Burlington City Ordinance Chapter 5, Section 27. Acting as counsel to the Committee was Assistant City Attorney Hayley McClenahan; Clerk for the Committee was Police Department Executive Manager Shannon Trammell and Executive Assistant Shibe Couchman.

11. Community Service Manager Cassandra Stirling was present at the hearing and acting as the prosecuting animal control officer, represented by Assistant City Attorney Erik Ramakrishnan. Also in attendance and offering testimony to the Committee were Neighbors Llu Mulvaney-Stanak, Shelley Spinner, and Alex Weinhagen; and, Ms. Wheeler's sister Deborah Lessor, registered owner of Moose. Respondent, Diane Wheeler, also attended.
12. The Committee is tasked determining whether vacating, modifying, affirming, or otherwise acting on its order of March 2024 is appropriate due any changes in circumstance.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

13. The Committee renews its findings from its March 2024 order.
14. The Committee takes notice of all of the relevant facts from the Court record on appeal and related filings, including but not limited to:
 - a. That in September 2024, Moose bit a person, requiring that individual to seek medical attention and that bite was the proximate result of Ms. Wheeler's failure to abide by Court ordered conditions; and
 - b. That after the Court ordered that the City was authorized and directed to impound Moose until such time as Ms. Wheeler complied with this Committee's March 2024 order, it took no less than two (2) subsequent orders of the Court and the threat of being remanded to the custody of the Vermont State Police before Ms. Wheeler ultimately complied with that order; and
 - c. That Moose was released from impoundment to the temporary custody of the Lessor family at their home in the New North End on the condition that he be licensed to Ms. Lessor and on strict requirements for his care and keeping; and
 - d. That Moose was enrolled in a multi-week board and train program in late 2024.
15. CSM Cassandra Stirling stated that she has been in direct contact with Moose's trainers and they report that he successfully completed the program. She stated that they recommend ongoing training by Moose's handlers subject to their specific criteria.
16. Deborah Lessor stated that Moose has been back in her home since completing the board and train program. She stated that she feels that her and her husband are the right fit for Moose and are able to care for and manage him. She stated that there have been no further incidents since

Moose came into their care. CSM Stirling confirmed that the Police Department has not received any complaints or calls for service regarding Moose since being in the Lessor home.

17. Llu Mulvaney-Stanak, neighbor, expressed frustration that it took several Committee and Court orders and an extended period of time for the conditions regarding Moose to be enforced. They stated that they witnessed extensive non-compliance on the part of Ms. Wheeler with respect to Moose's handling until such time as Moose was removed from the Roseade neighborhood and impounded. They asked the Committee for conditions with enforceability.
18. Shelly Spinner, neighbor, expressed that she was glad that Moose had gone through training and that the trainers reported his behavior was improving; however, she stated that it was important to the safety of the Roseade neighborhood that Moose not return to the Wheeler residence due to the past issues.
19. Ms. Wheeler stated that while it was her intention that for Moose to reside with Ms. Lessor, that she intended to have him in her custody from time to time to work with him on the training techniques provided by the trainers and to take him to receive veterinary care. She would only take him to her mother, Carol Wheeler's, residence on Roseade Parkway in "emergency situations". She would not permit her mother to be alone with Moose outside of her own home or the Lessor home.
20. The Police Department Animal Control Unit generally represented that it would not object to Moose continuing to reside with the Lessors, and to Ms. Wheeler's training and care plan, so long as Moose was not ever permitted to be in the sole custody of Carol Wheeler.

III. CONCLUSIONS

21. The Committee renews its conclusion from its March 2024 order that Moose is a vicious dog as defined by BCO 5-13(e) and bases that conclusion on both the bite of a dog as referenced in that order, as well as the bite of a person in September 2024.
22. As empowered BCO 5-27(b) and as directed by the Superior Court in its January 3, 2025 order, based on that conclusion, the Committee may vacate, modify, reaffirm, or otherwise act on its March 2024 order or subsequent orders of the Superior Court as is necessary to protect the public.
23. The Committee's March 2024 order requires that, "Moose must be relocated to a home or facility that can adequately manage his behavioral needs. At a minimum, such location must be able to securely contain Moose such that he cannot roam off of the premises of home or facility." ACC Order at 24. The Committee maintains its conclusion that this condition remains necessary to protect the public. Due to the extensive history of issues in the Roseade Parkway neighborhood, lack of fence, and no adult who is capable of controlling Moose being present full time, keeping

Moose at the Wheeler residence on Roseade Parkway is not conducive to promoting public safety.

24. Ms. Wheeler asserts that the Lessor home meets this condition. The Committee agrees that the Lessor home is sufficient to meet this condition provided that preventative tactics to actively contain Moose to the property are used. These include either fencing in the yard or using a sturdy leash or lead to restrain Moose when he is outside; not allowing Moose outside unsupervised; and having him under the direct control and supervision of a capable adult any time he is outside the home.
25. Further, the Committee must clarify that Carol Wheeler is not a capable caretaker for Moose. On more than one occasion, Carol Wheeler has lost control of Moose while handling him on or around Roseade Parkway, resulting in him attacking a person on one occasion, and displaying aggressive behavior towards others in the neighborhood on at least one other. Accordingly, public safety necessitates that Moose not be under the sole control of Carol Wheeler for any reason, including being in the yard of the Lessor home.
26. Lastly, due to the extensive history of non-compliance with various orders, as well as the history of at-large and aggressive incidents, the Committee is unconvinced that there are any conditions that it could order that would allow Moose's presence in the Roseade neighborhood to be consistent with public safety. The Committee cannot conceive of any emergency as suggested by Ms. Wheeler that would require him to be there, especially where his registered owners and primary residence are not in the Roseade area.

IV. ORDER

27. In consideration of the foregoing, the Committee makes the following order:
 - a. Moose is to reside at the Lessor home in the New North End of Burlington under the care and registered ownership of Deborah Lessor and her spouse.
 - b. The Lessors shall exercise great care in containing Moose to their property. At a minimum, this shall include either fencing in the yard or restraining Moose with a leash or lead anytime he is outdoors. Moose shall not be left outside in the yard without direct supervision.
 - c. Moose shall not be left in the sole care of Carol Wheeler. This includes letting Moose outside at the Lessor home.
 - d. Moose shall under no circumstances be present at the Wheeler home on Roseade Parkway.

- e. Anytime Moose is off of the Lessor property for training, exercise, or other purpose, he shall be securely restrained by a capable handler. All recommendations of the board and train program shall be followed.
- f. Pursuant to BCO 5-27(b), Moose shall not be registered to Carol or Diane Wheeler. The City Clerk is directed to deny any future application for licensure of Moose by Carol or Diane Wheeler.
- g. The Burlington Police Department is directed to immediately impound Moose upon a finding that he has been permitted to be at large; a nuisance animal; unlicensed; or engaged in any other violation of Chapter 5 of the Burlington Code of Ordinances. In the event of impoundment, the Lessors as registered owners shall bear the costs of boarding pursuant to BCO 5-25(c).

Dated at Burlington, Vermont this 28 day of April, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Jessica Oski*

Jessica Oski, Chair
Animal Control Committee
Burlington Police Commission
Duly Authorized

*electronically signed by Assistant City Attorney Hayley McClenahan with permission from Chair Oski

Burlington Police Department

Community Service Manager Cassandra A. Stirling affiant, swears that she has probable cause to believe that Daine Wheeler has violated the Animal Control Committee Order's instructions pertaining to her pet dog named "Moose."

1. I have been a Burlington Police Department employee since October of 2016, first as a Community Service Officer and then as the Community Service Manager. I have been in the role of Community Service Manager since March of 2023. In this position, I supervise the Community Service Officer (CSO) team. CSOs handle animal related complaints, to include violations of Animal Control Committee Orders.
2. In August of 2023, Diane Wheeler ([REDACTED]) and Carol Wheeler ([REDACTED]) and their dog "Moose" (described as a large, neutered male lab mix, brindle in color, approximately 8 years old in 2026) became the recurring subjects of Animal Problem complaints in the Roseade Parkway neighborhood of Burlington, Vermont. Moose is documented to have been involved in a number of bites on dogs (23BU018341, 23BU029412) and on humans (24BU021591, 24BU022585, 25BU008489, 26SA002698).
3. On January 23, 2024, a written complaint was submitted to the Animal Control Committee expressing concern about the Wheelers and the dog known as Moose. The letter was signed by multiple residents of Roseade Parkway and adjacent neighborhoods, to include: Llu Mulvaney-Stanak ([REDACTED]), Kate Van Wagner ([REDACTED]), Jennifer Moore ([REDACTED]), David Nacmaine ([REDACTED]), Jennifer Aloï ([REDACTED]), Demonic Aloï ([REDACTED]), Shelley Spinner ([REDACTED]), Bonny Smith ([REDACTED]) and Gar Smith (unk DOB).
4. On March 6, 2024, the Burlington Police Commission convened the Animal Control Committee after receiving written complaint about the Wheelers' dog. On March 13, 2024, the Animal Control Committee issued an order requiring that Moose be rehomed from Roaseade Parkway within 30 days to a residence/facility that could manage his behavioral needs. During the rehoming process, the Wheelers were instructed to contain Moose on the Wheelers' property at all times and when in the area of Roseade Parkway. Moose was approved to be transported to "secluded" areas for purposes of being exercised. Moose was to be in the direct supervision of a capable adult and on a leash or lead. D. Wheeler appealed this decision, and on July 1, 2024, D. Wheeler failed to appear in court for the appeal. Honorable Judge Hoar denied her appeal. D. Wheeler was instructed to comply with the order or be held in contempt of court.
5. In September of 2024, Moose was accused of two separate incidents in which he bit human beings, both resulting from inadequate control techniques by C. Wheeler. One of these incidents was in the vicinity of the Wheelers' residence on Roseade Parkway (24BU022585). The victim's name was David Kirk ([REDACTED]), a neighbor from an adjacent street. The second was in the City-owned Leddy Park (24BU021591) where Chad Woods ([REDACTED]) was bit by Moose and required medical attention.
6. On September 29th, 2024, Burlington Police Department received a report from Shelley Spinner that Moose had been seen off-leash on the property of the Wheelers (24BU022868).
7. On September 29th, 2024, Honorable Judge Hoar authorized the City of Burlington to impound Moose for the duration of D. Wheeler's appeal of the City's order.
8. On October 9th, 2024, Moose was seized by the Burlington Police Department, and on October 10th, 2024, he was impounded at Pinebrook Kennels in Milton, Vermont.
9. On October 18th, 2024, a Court Stipulation and Order was released that authorized Moose's release from Pinebrook Kennels, placing him in the sole custody of Deborah Lessor ([REDACTED]) and her family on Westminster Drive in Burlington, Vermont. Multiple stipulations accompanied his release, to include that Moose was to enter a residential training program to address his behavioral issues. Moose was originally going to attend MotoDog in Montpelier, but due to negative public opinion about Moose, they

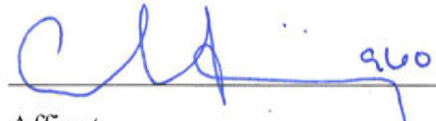
declined his enrollment. Moose was then enrolled with Select Shepherds in New Hampshire. Moose entered into that training program.

10. Upon the completion of Moose's training, Select Shepherds provided a report to the City of Burlington which included a number of recommendations and suggestions for Moose's safe re-introduction to a residential neighborhood in Burlington. Select Shepherds indicated in their report that Moose had been trained with "two collar system" with a Halti collar, a cinched correction collar and a leash. During his training, Moose was exposed to other dogs and people of all ages, and the trainer reported that "Moose's comfort level in these situations with us is 100% appropriate. He's confident and neutral in every encounter." Select Shepherds provided the following guidance for "continued success": continued humane training; controlled home time, secure fenced area not facing a public way, no barking at the door or winds; leash walking with Halti in heel position only; public access test; and no medication that may affect brain chemistry. The trainer at Select Shepherds explained that Moose likely "suffers from mailman syndrome. A dog, who barks at a person and then the person goes away, perceives the person who left was a threat he was able to chase off with his barking... Moose must never be allowed to watch delivery people or other pedestrians in a defensive way." Select Shepherds trainers recommended that Moose undergo Public Access testing, though no evidence of such training was ever provided to the City of Burlington.
11. Moose returned to Burlington on December 8, 2024.
12. On April 23, 2025, a third-party report was made to the Burlington Police Department that Moose had bit someone within the Lessor residence (25BU008489). The victim was unwilling to provide a statement or contact the Burlington Police Department. Due to the unverifiable nature of the complaint, Burlington Police Department was unable to take enforcement action.
13. On April 28th, 2025, the Burlington Animal Control Committee issued a Remand Order that mandated that Moose live with the Lessors on Westminster Drive in Burlington Vermont. The order mandated that "Moose shall not be left in the sole care of Carol Wheeler" and that "Moose shall under no circumstances be present at the Wheeler home on Roseade Parkway." The order further mandated that "anytime Moose is off of the Lessor property for training, exercise, or other purpose, he shall be securely restrained by a capable handler. All recommendations of the board and train program shall be followed."
14. On July 23, 2025, the Burlington Police Department received a complaint from Shelley Spinner that Moose was seen at the Wheelers' house on Roseade Parkway (25BU019061). Carol Wheeler confirmed that Moose had been at the residence in violation of the Animal Control Committee Order. A municipal ticket was issued for violating the Animal Control Committee's Order (27(d)).
15. On March 10, 2026, the Burlington Police Department received a complaint from Llu Mulvaney-Stanak that Moose was seen inside of Diane Wheeler's vehicle while it was operating on Roseade Parkway. According to the report submitted by CSO Mutar, the complainant could not definitively identify Moose as the dog inside the vehicle, so no enforcement action could be taken. Community Service Officers Mutar and Moore conducted a home visit of the Wheelers' residence and found no evidence that Moose was residing there.
16. On April 15, 2026, D. Wheeler was a person of interest in a dog bite that occurred in St Albans City (26SA002698). In summary, D. Wheeler had Moose in the back seat of her vehicle in the parking lot of the court house in St Albans (36 Lake St). She invited a coworker, Elizabeth Hibbits ([REDACTED]), to her vehicle to meet Moose, and when the rear door to the vehicle was opened, Moose lunged at Hibbits. Hibbits required immediate medical attention because her lip had been partially torn from her face. D. Wheeler was issued a municipal ticket by Officer Benson of St Albans Police Department for "Vicious Dog."
17. On April 17, 2026, the Burlington Police Department was tasked with researching the incident and reporting back to the Animal Control Committee with any violations of the Animal Control Committee Order that stemmed from this incident. It was determined that Moose was not actively licensed with North Hero (the Lessors' new address) and was no longer licensed with the Lessors in Burlington.
18. On June 14, 2026, another complainant advised that they had witnessed D. Wheeler in City-owned Ethan Allen Park with Moose (26BU012877). A video was provided to the Burlington Police

Department. In the video, Moose did not appear to be wearing a muzzle or a Halti collar, as was instructed by trainers at Select Shepherds. This is a violation of the 2025 Animal Control Committee Order (27(e)). Moose's presence in a City-owned park is in violation of the 2023 Animal Control Committee Order which instructed that Moose should be exercised in "secluded" areas (24(e)ii). The complainant was a juvenile and their parent was not comfortable with them providing a sworn statement or being involved in this case.

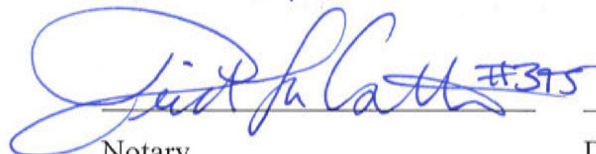
19. On June 21, 2026, the Burlington Police Department received a report from Shelley Spinner of two instances of possible violations of the Animal Control Committee Order (26BU013528). Spinner provided a sworn statement advising that Moose was seen in D. Wheeler's vehicle on Roseade Parkway on two separate occasions (June 14 and June 21). This is a violation of the 2025 Animal Control Committee Order (27(b))

The foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Affiant

6/30/26
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 30, 2026 at Burlington


Notary

06/30/2026
Date

Exempt as law enforcement-related employee

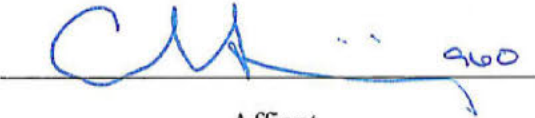
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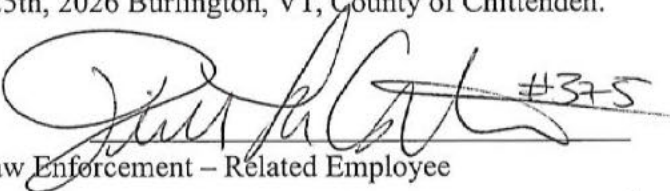
Community Service Manager Cassandra Stirling (b960)

Re: Moose / D. Wheeler

1. On July 8th, 2026, I received an emailed complaint regarding the ongoing case of Moose the dog and D. Wheeler. The complainant, Sara Puls ([REDACTED]), had emailed the Chittenden County State's Attorney (Sarah George) regarding Moose being witnessed, off leash, on the grounds of Hunt Middle School (1364 North Ave, Burlington VT 05408). The complaint was forwarded to the Burlington City Attorney's Office and subsequently forwarded to me. It was assigned to CSO Nicholas Moore (b964) to investigate (26BU015134). Puls spoke with CSO Moore over the phone but did not come into the Police Department to issue a sworn statement about what she had witnessed.
2. On July 8th, 2026, a complaint was filed through the Burlington Police Department online incident reporting platform. The complainant, Shelley Spinner ([REDACTED]) stated that she was mowing her lawn when Moose's owner, Diane Wheeler, was seen leaving the garage of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Wheeler reportedly had Moose in the backseat. This complaint was assigned to CSO Moore (26BU015187). Vermont Municipal Complaint ticket # 4180328 was issued for City of Burlington Ordinance 05-27D – Violation of Orders from Animal Control Committee. A verbal sworn statement is attached to the Valcour incident.
3. On July 11th, 2026, Bonnie Smith ([REDACTED]) reported to the Burlington Police Department that she believed Moose had been present at [REDACTED] despite orders that the dog could not legally be there. Smith stated she recognized the dog from past personal incidents and news articles.


Affiant

Subscribed and sworn before me on August 25th, 2026 Burlington, VT, County of Chittenden.


Exempt as a Law Enforcement – Related Employee

For the upcoming hearing by the Animal Control Committee on August 31, regarding the dog Moose, I'd like to submit the following public comment to be considered by the committee. I am one of the long standing interested parties in this matter, I am a neighbor of the Wheeler two houses away from them with a young kid.

I plan on attending the hearing as well, but I am not sure how much time will be afforded to public comment, so I wanted to at least put this forward in advance.

To the ACC of Burlington -

Thank you for allowing me to submit public comment regarding the on going matter of the vicious dog Moose. In addition to the ample evidence you already have on this situation, as well as the new evidence, I would like to ask that the committee consider banning any future dog licensing to both Diane and Carol Wheeler.

Their actions over more than two years show a willful disregard for community safety, accountability, and the rule of law. No matter what happens with Moose, I am concerned they could once again get a dog that is a safety concern and we could start this process all over again. They have not proven to be able to safely own a dog, nor follow any local laws or court orders in order for dog ownership or management.

Thank you for considering this in your process.

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