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## **VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

May 24, 2017

Ms. Lisa Burke 39 Poplar Street Sudbury, MA 01776

## NOTICE OF DANGEROUS OR NUISANCE DOG HEARING

Dear Ms. Burke:

On Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Sudbury Town Hall, located at 322 Concord Road, Sudbury MA, the Sudbury Board of Selectmen, acting as Hearing Authority pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 157, will hold a public hearing to determine whether the dog owned and/or kept by you in the Town of Sudbury is a Nuisance Dog or Dangerous Dog as those terms are defined in said statute. This Notice is based, in part, on a complaint alleging that on or about December 14, 2016, your dog known as "Boomer" left your property and without justification attacked a Sara Gilford causing physical injuries. A copy of said restraining/muzzle order from the Animal Control Officer, is enclosed herewith for your reference.

In accordance with its statutory authority, the Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing, which shall include an examination of the complainant under oath, and based on the credible evidence and testimony presented, it may make such findings and order concerning the restraint or disposal of said dog as may be deemed necessary.

You are invited to attend the hearing and at that time you may produce any documentation and/or witnesses. You may be represented by counsel at your own expense if you so choose.

If you have any questions in this regard, you may contact the Selectmen's Office.

Very truly yours,

Patricia B. Golden Selectmen's Office

Encl.

cc: Police Chief

Animal Control Officer

Ms. Sara Gilford

Ms. Kathleen Rocca Foley