

Good Evening,

My name is Bob McCann I live at 5168 E. Lake Rd. As many of you have probably read I am somewhat embroiled in the recent and ongoing issues with a certain pack of dangerous dogs in my neighborhood. I am here this evening requesting actions: specifically for new more stringent laws regarding the boarding and kenneling and owning and securing of dogs that live in Varick particularly those that have been deemed dangerous, or any of the same breed or any owned by the same person who owns a dangerous dog(s), or any household in which a dangerous dog(s) has been identified.

We need stronger laws; we need laws that enforce mandatory unannounced inspections by humane society officers, once dogs are deemed dangerous.

We need a leash law; we need a law that requires more than just microchips and tying up dangerous dogs. At the least a mandatory fence requirement law to enclose these attackers of the innocent.

I am familiar with the Agricultural and Market Laws as well as the State penal laws. I am very concerned that just mirroring these laws is inadequate to address our concerns and it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured by this pack of pit bulls that have consistently terrorized East lake Road residents, non residents, bicyclists and weekend visitors to our community.

I moved back to my childhood home four years ago, Growing up I could walk by yard, beach, road or field anywhere from Yale Station to Kennedy roads - Now I have taught my young daughter that she is to walk into the closest house she can if she sees these pit bulls running loose in our neighborhood. She is constantly asking me, when she hears them barking or hears their (so called trainer) screaming at the dogs, if it is ok to go out into her own yard. She has friends that live to our north yet she is afraid, as is my wife, to ride their bicycles past the home of these pit bulls. My neighbors are afraid to work in their yards.

Last year during the muscle man triathlon there were 100's of bicyclists riding through Varick, my neighbors and I were walking up our driveways with our morning coffees in our hands to cheer on the riders, and we see two of these dogs roaming up and down the road, a car honked its horn at them and they literally challenged the car and didn't move! I called 911 State Police who should have been directing traffic for the safety of the riders, showed up after the dogs were back in their own yard. I fully expected to see a biker rider get knocked off the bike and had taken strong measures to assist the rider if necessary.

I am tired of knowing my friends and neighbors live with fear in their own yards and homes. I am tired of the constant noise and disruption this so

called breeder and his pack has brought to our quiet community. I am tired of seeing 2-3 law enforcement personnel being tied up for one person's antics because of these dogs. However I will not waiver in my determination to have the town and county protect us, from dangerous dogs, to have local law enforcement protect us from dangerous people, and to make sure that no one has to live in fear in their own home. I put it to you and to the town board to establish quickly and thoroughly strict and strong laws that will protect the honest hardworking, people of Varick before there is truly a violent tragedy wrought by these dogs.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert B. McLean". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.