



## HOOKSETT PERMANENT FIREFIGHTERS



Dear Wilton Zoning Board,

My name is Greg Beals, and I am the currently elected Treasurer of the Hooksett Firefighter's Local 3264. I am writing to express my strong support for Melissa Eastly and her dog training organization.

Melissa is currently training our Local's Dalmatian, Steve, who will be our future firehouse dog. She is providing this training entirely pro bono, motivated by her desire to support our firefighters, particularly those dealing with PTSD and other occupation-related challenges. As a seasoned Firefighter and Military veteran, I have seen a constant and growing need for service and therapy dogs across the board. Steve will play a significant role in the community, participating in events such as touch-a-truck, station tours, our "Coats for Kids" winter coat drive, and our work with the MDA, where he will interact directly with children suffering from muscular dystrophy.

We have toured Melissa's facilities on several occasions and have been consistently impressed by the professionalism, cleanliness, and organization she maintains. Melissa has been caring for Steve for over two months, and each visit leaves us amazed at how she has transformed a young and reckless puppy into a disciplined and valuable community asset.

A crucial part of Steve's training involves exposure to Melissa's personal residence. This phase is essential for any dog, as it acclimates them to a new environment (specifically a home), introduces them to new people and other dogs, and exposes them to various stimuli. I would have



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no reservations about having Melissa and her dogs as neighbors, given the high level of training and discipline she instills in her trainees.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

*G. Beals*

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