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**VIA EMAIL**

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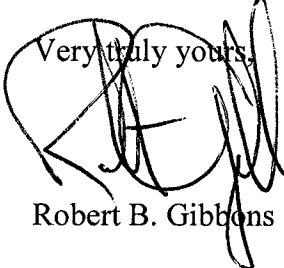
Re: Town of Bolton / Request for a dog license

Dear Mr. DiPietro:

This office serves as counsel to the Town of Bolton (the "Town"). The Town Administrator has forwarded me your recent emails wherein you continue to request that the Town of Bolton issue you a dog license. As you were previously advised, Section 110-4 of the Town Bylaws requires that all dog owners have an address assigned by the Town in order to be issued a dog license. By letter dated October 22, 2018 (copy enclosed for your convenience), the Town Building Inspector informed you that under Section 118-1 of the Town Bylaws, he cannot issue you a number for your property located at Teele Road because it does not contain a house or structure. It is of no consequence that you previously filed an application with the Town Board of Appeals wherein you used the address of "110 Teele Road", or that the Board of Appeals referenced that address in its Findings and Decisions. Assignment of numbers must be obtained from the Building Inspector pursuant to Section 118-1 of the Town Bylaws. Since that has not occurred, the Town cannot issue you a dog license.

In addition to the number issue discussed above, since the Town is unaware of any legal structure at your property, it is unclear where a dog would be housed. If your intention is to confine the dog outside, there are certain requirements under Massachusetts Law that must be adhered to in order for a dog license to issue for a dog confined outdoors.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I would request that all such questions and correspondence come to me.

Very truly yours,  
  
Robert B. Gibbons

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