

## Entertainment Activities Ordinance Committee October 25, 2022

Present: Amy Hansen, Selectwoman; Jamie Sullivan, Town Manager; Dave Hobbs, Police Chief; Mallory LeDuc, Resident; James Scully, Resident; Al Fleury, Business owner; Andy Hart, Business Owner.

- 1.) **Introductions:** The committee members introduced themselves and briefly described why they joined the committee. All committee members were present for this first meeting.
- 2.) **Goals:** The committee received several handouts of other communities' entertainment/noise ordinances for reference. The committee further discussed the goals as assigned by the Board of Selectmen, which is, to make recommendations for potential changes to the current Entertainment Activities Ordinance.
- 3.) **General Discussion:** A discussion of the committee ensued where numerous issues were discussed.
  - A discussion of how during COVID outdoor dining and associated outdoor entertainment was approved to assist businesses and workers to remain operating. This led to significant growth in the number of establishments having outdoor entertainment.
  - The committee discussed the history with the current ordinance and the challenges from both a policing and business point of view.
  - The Police are challenged by the 30 seconds required for a violation to occur.
  - Now that the COVID emergency has been lifted, some believe it is time outdoor entertainment should stop and return to the pre-COVID set up.
  - There was discussion about whether the Beach area and Town area should have different standards or rules. This seemed to have support from several members.
  - The committee believes there must be a way to address the concerns of residential homes directly being impacted by the consistent loud noise disturbing all normal home activities.
  - A potential solution was offered to work towards a two-zone approach of rulemaking (Beach and Town) more work is necessary.
  - Members agreed to review the handouts and continue discussion at the next meeting.

The committee all decided that the next meeting would be on November 2, 2022, at the Town office.