

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health – February 19, 2020

In attendance: Katie Goldrick, Kat Tribulski, Abbey Myers

Absent: David Reilly:

Open Meeting: 6:30 pm

Katie Goldrick: Tonight we are holding our hearing on noise ordinance. We are hold this hearing as a result of the proposed noise ordinance updates and changes. The purpose of this meeting is to determine what, if any, action should be taken by the Holbrook Board of Health conceding the noise ordinance.

Abbey Myers: Greets the residents and introduces the Board of Health staff. She also gives instructions to the residents regarding the meeting. Abbey gives the oath to anyone who wants to speak. We made some changes last time: we provided more definitions and under the exemption this should apply to all public workers (police, firefighters) while they are in duty.

Tiffany Sheehan (Resident): Wants clarification on the timeframe of the restrictions. Is it only between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.?

Abbey Myers: That is the so that is the broadband noise.

Tiffany Sheehan: Is concerned about dogs. Is the noise from barking only include in those hours?

Kat Tribulski: Yes – it means between those hours.

Katie Goldrick: The purpose of this is to encourage people to bring their dogs in at night, so this would be between those hours. Although I understand that you don't want to for 6 hours.

Tiffany Sheehan: That is exactly what we ran into, and the bylaws were not clear enough for the police to enforce these rules. We need clarification so we know exactly what the rules are ns they can be enforced. Suggests during all hours the longest amount of time a dog can bark is either 10 minutes or 15 minutes – that is what her research found.

Kat Tribulski: Suggests 15 minutes of continuous barking if the owner does not attempt to silence the dog(s). We can always change it if it doesn't work for everyone.

Katie Goldrick: Agrees with Kat.

Tiffany Sheehan: Has a question on motorcycles idling.

Abbey Myers: We can change this motorcycle to include all vehicles and off-road vehicles because the state law says you cannot idle a car for more than 5 minutes. We can list exceptions, for example if a person is de-icing their car. This would be for any hours.

Chris Nickerson (Resident): Snow removal is under construction, but maybe move it to the exemption section.

Abbey Myers: Agreed

Lisa Nickerson: There were concerns about using lawn mowers, etc. - 7 p.m. seems early.

Abbey Myers: 1 covers it - Monday through Saturday between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. for commercial, and additionally for home owners only Sundays 7p.m. to 8 a.m.

Abbey Myers: Read the noise ordinance with definitions.

Tiffany Sheehan: Add to #4 in the absence of a noise measuring device, so if say the police doesn't have the measuring device with them, but the noise is clearly audible this can be included as violation.

Abbey, Katie, Kat: All agree.

Katie Goldrick: Since David is not here we should give him the opportunity to give some input.

Kat Tribulski: I make a motion to submit the Town of Holbrook Massachusetts noise ordinance section 13-11 Massachusetts noise ordinance as discussed and amended to town meeting, barring any additional from absent member David Reilly.

Katie Goldrick: Suggests waiting for David's input first and will make a motion at the next meeting.

Kat Tribulski: Removes previous motion.

Katie, Kat: All are in favor of removing the motion.

Kat Tribulski: I would now like to make a motion to suspend out vote until David Reilly can review our discussion and propose changes, and vote at a later date to submit this to the town meeting.

Katie Goldrick: Second that motion.

Katie, Kat: Both are in favor.

Katie Goldrick: Motion to close the meeting.

Kat Tribulski: Second the motion.

Katie, Kat: All are in favor.

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