

Meeting Minutes for Noise Ordinance Committee

Present: Lori Davis, Greg McDowell, Chief Sean Kelly, John van Loendersloot & Jennifer Bohl

Meeting Started at 7:00 P.M.

This committee will run much like a selectman meeting. People are welcome to come to the meetings and speak when it is their time; we will ALWAYS maintain respect for each other and will not tolerate outbursts.

Pledge of Allegiance

No one was Present for Public Comment.

Chief Sean Kelly spoke about RSA 644:2 – If there is no Ordinance in place for noise then the Police Dept. would only have the option of using this RSA for disorderly conduct and the person would/could be charged with a crime. Chief Kelly urges the town to have some sort of Noise Ordinance as an added tool to use for those people that don't have the courage to speak up for themselves, and then this is when the Police Dept. could be their voice. Having an Ordinance would not result in any permanent mark against a person, and any fine would go into the General Fund and not the Police Dept. Fund. The Chief was requested to provide data for the last 5 years on how many calls were placed for noise and which area of town these complaints were called in for (if possible). The Chief will have this ready for the committee on or before its next meeting.

The committee talked about why or why not to have this ordinance in place. Those in favor liked what Chief Kelly said the Police Dept. would be the voice for those who didn't have the courage to stand up for themselves. There would be no ramifications on a person's record if the Police had to step in for a complaint.

It was discussed that there would like to be some sort of polling of the towns people on whether or not they were in favor of an ordinance, and if so what should be on it. Committee is thinking that this could be held at the polls in November when voting for President, Lori will check with Naomi Bolton, the Town Administrator to see if this could be done legally.

This ordinance study will more than likely not be ready for March 2017 vote as there is a lot of data and steps to work through before any decision is made to which an ordinance is even needed.

The committee came to the agreement that they would meet next month on Wednesday July 15, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

A True Record.

Jennifer Bohl, Recording Secretary

