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December 6, 2022

Posted: Town Offices, Town website
5:00 p.m. Town Office, second floor conference room
PRESENT: Mallory LeDuc, Resident
James Scully, Resident
Al Fleury, Business Owner
Andrew Hart, Business Owner
Amy Hansen, Selectwoman
Alex Reno, Deputy Chief of Police
Jamie Sullivan, Town Manager

Call to Order: 5:05 PM

Review of the previous meetings minutes and what the committee hoped to resolve tonight. All committee members received a draft copy of changes proposed to the ordinance by the committee.

The committee began discussing the general concept of creating “zones” or areas where the ordinance restrictions may vary. There was a consensus that the beach area in the prime season (which was identified as May 1 to October 1) it is expected to have a greater volume of visitors with more restaurants and entertainment activities to serve that population. As a result, it is expected a higher level of sounds and “noise” accompanying those activities is anticipated. However, the recent expansion of outdoor entertainment activities outside the beach area, specifically in the Route 1 area, is causing unacceptable impacts on the nearby residential homes. The committee felt limitations in this area was warranted.

The committee focused on identifying three areas or “zones”. The Beach area (south of Winnacunnet Road). The Route 1 area (including the upper portions of High St and Winnacunnet Road) and an Industrial Zone (Zoning Map).

Beach: The committee agreed no changes to the current rules on allowed hours was warranted.

Route 1 Area: There was a consensus that this area needed limits to outdoor entertainment activities. It was agreed to recommend no outdoor entertainment would be allowed after 9PM, Sunday to Thursday (Holidays excepted). There could be an allowance for a one-day special event, which would require BoS approval.

Industrial: No action taken.

The committee discussed the need to review and amend the definitions of entertainment activity and establishment in a less broad way. As currently worded, a small coffee shop that has a television or a radio playing background music, is required by the ordinance to have a license. It was pointed out several locations like this exist and do not have licenses and there is no enforcement. A suggestion was made to tie the need for an entertainment activity

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license to on site liquor service locations, because this is where most complaints come from. The committee agreed to continue to discuss this.

The committee agreed further discuss this area at the next meeting on December 13, 2022, at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Submitted,

Jamie Sullivan

Town Manager