

Town of New Fairfield
Board of Selectmen
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Thursday, December 3, 2020
7:00 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Members present:

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Quinton Flowers gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting.

Call To Order First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and explained the purpose of this workshop is to discuss ideas for the proposed noise ordinance.

Proposed Noise Ordinance

Selectman Khris Hall gave a brief description of the drafts that were compiled for the proposed noise ordinance and spoke of language from an ordinance from Rocky Hill, CT. She spoke of a quantitative levels and qualitative levels and noted that the quantitative (decibel) levels may be difficult to enforce. She noted that qualitative levels are enforced based on whether or not the sound can be heard at a certain distance. She introduced town residents Peter Hylenski and Tom Perkins that both have professional backgrounds in sound engineering.

There was a discussion of the optimal decibel level and whether or not it should be both qualitative and quantitative and the difference between A and C weighting. There was a discussion of the definition of “plainly audible”. Enforcement and consequences of not following the rules was discussed and whether or not there should be fines. They spoke of the challenge of enforcing rules and who would be responsible for going to homes if there is a problem.

Next steps are to discuss it further at a meeting in the near future. It was decided that Peter Hylenski will take a deeper look into the Rocky Hill for ideas.

The BOS thanked Peter Hylenski and Tom Perkins for all their help with this ordinance.

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

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