

# **Ad Hoc Harwich Port Noise Containment Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes October 1, 2019**

Members present: Angel McNamara, Bob Cohn, Cyndi Williams, Frances Rich, Sarah Powell, Walter Mason.

Others present: Police Chief David Guillmette and Deputy Chief, Kevin Cosidine; Selectmen's Liaison, Michael MacAskill.

Old Business: None

New Business:

We were informed that Megan Yaps resigned her Committee membership due to a change in job locations.

Bob Cohn was voted to be the Committee Clerk for the next meeting.

All members gave a brief introduction of themselves.

The Selectmen's Charge to the Committee and accompanying bullet points were read and discussed by the members.

The current noise bylaw was read and discussed. Chief Guillmette explained the town wide bylaw and its differences with the liquor license entertainment regulation, ie, 150 ft.

There was a discussion on the meaning of Plainly Audible. Bob Cohn said he has read extensively on this and would provide a copy to the Committee of a document regarding this that he gave Chief Guillmette.

Cyndi suggested we reach out to the area businesses to hear their thoughts and opinions, as well as are residents, especially the persons filing the complaints.

Bob discussed his involvement with the Parking Committee.

Francis Rich suggested we get ideas on the main issues to discuss.

There was then a general discussion on noise

Cyndi discussed the Harwich Port Summer Nights (the Stroll) that is held every Wednesday in Harwich Port village. She said this is a Harwich Chamber of Commerce event and not a Town of Harwich event, and that they obtain a permit for all nights that excludes them from the noise bylaw.

There was a discussion on coming up with a list of items we would like to request at future meetings.

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### **Meeting Minutes October 1, 2019 (continued)**

The next two meetings were voted to be October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM and October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM, both in the Selectmen's Library.

Meeting was opened to public comment. Mara Bate made some comments about her email that was sent to the Selectmen and given to the Noise Committee members.

Vote to adjourn the meeting was made.