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PUBLIC HEALTH & RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE RTM
Special Meeting
Waterford Town Hall – Louise Appleby Room
August 30, 2022

Public Health Recreation & Environment Committee Chair Michael Bono called the August 30, 2022 Special Meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mike Bono, Mary Childs, Nick Gauthier, Ryan Healy.

ABSENT: Jennifer Bracciale.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: RTM Member Susan Driscoll

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo, Planning Director Abby Piersall, Town Attorney Nicholas Kepple.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Waterford Resident Helen Kwasniewski, 227 Bloomingdale Rd, clarified her previous public comment from the last meeting to restrict use of power equipment to time of day.

Waterford Resident William O'Donnell, 7 Reynolds Lane, asked for clarification on the process to amend the noise ordinance. Chairman Bono summarized the process.

Waterford Resident Kedric Bartsch, 275 Boston Post Rd, spoke about the need to service your generator and to be able to use them during power outages.

Waterford Resident Deborah Griffith, 63 North Rd, said residents are looking for a reasonable solution that will provide residents the ability to use our property enjoyably in peace and serenity.

ITEM 5 – June 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Gauthier, seconded by Childs, to approve the February 22, 2022 meeting minutes with the following correction offered by Bono: to add "time of day" to Helen Kwasniewski's comment.

VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous

CALL ITEM 6A – Review of Noise Ordinance, Noise Control – Chapter 9.06, RTC 10/04/21

Town Attorney Nicholas Kepple spoke at length about a future noise ordinance. To create an ordinance is not a simple task. It will need to include exemptions, exclusions and variances that will create different standards for different areas of town. There are many options for enforcement. Attorney Kepple felt that using P&Z as the arbiter of variances would be a bad idea and the Zoning Board of Appeals is an inappropriate option. It was noted that some town's including Montville and Norwich do not have an ordinance and the impression he received from Stonington and East Lyme is that the ordinance is not

used often. Most Town's enforce by using the police to instruct the residents or business to turn the noise down.

The committee will review material provided as part of the agenda. (Contact the Town Clerk for copies of material provided) Chairman Bono will reach out to the Waterford Police Chief to discuss enforcement options and how often they enforce ordinances.

MOTION by Gauthier, seconded by Childs, to adjourn at 5:34 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Bono

Chair