

Mary Hafter

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Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Peter Parsons; Pete Delucia; Mary Hafter; John Pappalardo; dan.welsh [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Please distribute this to the twon board for their action Thanks Josh

FYI.

We should make this an agenda item for discussion.

Date: Tue, 11 Aug 2015 15:11:14 -0400
From: jdhiland@aol.com

CC: [REDACTED]
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Dear Town Board:

I would like to bring up the town ordinance on noise, specifically as related to the lawn mowing and maintenance companies working at 8 am on the weekends. This appeal is only with respect to the Saturday start time, which are now 8 am. For years, my family has been denied the right to sleep later than 8 am on a Saturdays because of lawn mowing, lead blowers and electric saws. I have had enough to the point of requesting a change to the town's noise ordinance.

A brief history: This topic was brought up on August 25th, 2008. The town ordinance prohibits the "machinery" of lawn maintenance from 6 pm to 8 am starting Monday at 6 pm and ending Saturday at 8 am. By 8:01, the trucks pull up and on average, 3 people descend on the lawns with lawn mowers, blowers and electric saws. My personal appeal to the lawn crews themselves is ignored. A petition had previously been presented, signed by town residents, and presented to the Town Board on August 4th, 2008, presented by Susan Ennis to Supervisor Brancati. One concern brought up by Councilman Deluca, which was a fair question, was how this was going to be enforced. From that point on, there has been no action, and it has continued for years.

I would like to propose the following:

1. Saturday lawn work may not begin till 10 am.
2. The Home Owner has an obligation to tell their respective lawn companies of a change of start time.
3. Violations should include a fine of \$100 paid by the home owner. I guarantee this will cause the home owner to call their lawn company and help enforce some quiet deserved by the resident.
4. Violations should be reported to the Building Department by those affected, and should include the time of the offense and the property involved. The Building Department would then send a letter of warning as a first offense, and then a subsequent fine on a second offense.
5. A public hearing may be held to discuss...however, I can think of no emergency which would demand a leaf be blown or a blade of grass cut prior to 10 am.

Thank you
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