

Giants Neck Beach Association  
Public Hearing on Noise Ordinance  
Helen Lena Clubhouse  
33 Society Road, Niantic, CT

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The board conducted a public hearing to review proposed revisions to Article 9, Section 1(b) of the GNBA Bylaws concerning construction noise. The current bylaw allows Construction activities seven days a week, which conflicts with zoning regulations. Under the present bylaws, construction generating significant noise may occur from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily, unless otherwise authorized by the President or designee.

The proposed amendment specifies that construction and other noise-generating activities shall be permitted only from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. No commercial construction will be allowed on Sundays or on Memorial Day, July 4th, or Labor Day. Lawn mowing, hedge trimming, and other yard maintenance may continue from 8:00 a.m. until dusk, seven days a week. These changes are intended to reduce noise on weekends and holidays, consistent with regulations in neighboring beach communities.

#### Public Comment

A member asked whether the word “significant” was defined in the bylaws. It was clarified that the term is not quantified by decibel levels but is left to the discretion of responding officers when handling complaints.

Mario Harris noted that some issues, such as lawn mowing during social gatherings, are not covered under the bylaw and stressed the importance of neighbors using good judgment. He emphasized that enforcement depends on residents respecting the rules, as many construction activities do not require permits.

Bill Christopher suggested that references to “President and his designee” be updated to “President and his or her designee” for consistency in all documents.

Vicki Piscatelli raised concerns about the noise generated by commercial-grade power washing equipment and asked if this fell under the same category as lawn mowing. Gerry Van Noordennen clarified that such activity would not be treated as yard maintenance and, therefore, would be treated as construction noise.

After discussion, the board agreed to incorporate the gender-neutral language change (“his or her designee”) into the proposed amendment.

With no further comments from the public or the board, the public hearing was closed at 9:25 a.m.