

**St. Michaels Planning Commission**  
**St. Michaels Town Office**  
**300 Mill Street**  
In Person and Virtual Session  
May 3, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.

**Present:** Planning Commission Chairman Jefferson Knapp and Members Cynthia Allen, John Novak, Zoning Officer Kym Kudla, and members of the public. Members Chris Thomas and Helen Herman

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Knapp called the Planning Commission's regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland.

**II. Minutes**

- Approval of minutes – April 19 – moved to the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**III. New Business**

*Noise*

Chairman Knapp stated this is the last public hearing and the next meeting will move into the discussion.

Chief Smith said he met with Terye Knopp about the issue. Discussed the request for number of hours of noise complaints which are accessible however the issue becomes who is the source of the noise. The solution would be allowing officers to use discretion by way of a body camera, those 2 items together should help with the enforcement issue. Chief suggested #4 216.7- Enforcement to include use of body camera would work with his officer to understand how to respond to noise complaints.

Member Novak commented that what the Chief is suggesting is very subjective.

Resident from 104 Locust asked multiple time for evidence, facts, etc. Also no complains of trash trucks, leaf blowers, contractors, etc.

Ms. Knopp of Foxy's read a statement she wrote into the record (see attached).

Ms. DuPriest of Mulberry Street questioned the wording of the petition.

Ward Ewing of 100 E. Marengo St. made statements regarding the distance from the source issue and cautioned board to be careful with banning certain types of music due to language.

Chairman Knapp asked Chief about the nuisance calls. Chief explained how the calls may not be quite accurate. He was asked to provide calls from the last 6 months.

Karen Wald of 107 Grace Street spoke of noise pollution and lack of consideration.

George Galgano of 111 Green Street feels that Ms. Knopp's suggestion was a reasonable compromise.

Ms. Smith of the Galley said she was agreeable to any complaints about music, she understands the issues and tries to work with the Town and Officers.

Al Mercier of 105 Cherry Street asked if there was a time constraint to make decisions regarding the noise ordinance. He asked if any considerations have been made regarding noise in the Marina's and how big of an issue it was before Covid.

John Marrah of the Tourist Board and was part of the group who proposed changes to the noise ordinance and commented on how the regulations occurred.

Daniel Spiegel of 200 Mulberry Street spoke of the enforcement which needs to move away from complaint based.

Michael Hoffmann of Inn at Perry Cabin just wanted to know he was present and following.

Kristin Greenaway stated she was in attendance on behalf of CBMM.

Courtney Stockland of 103 Locust Street feels music is not a problem for everyone and suggests keeping changes to a minimum.

The following agenda items will be placed on the May 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 Planning Commission meeting.

- **Tent Regulations**
- **Grant for Nature Trail extension**
- **Tree Planting Grant**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 5:0 vote in favor on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jefferson Knapp', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and extends above the line.

Jefferson Knapp, Chairman