

University Park Town Council Committee on Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure

Thursday February 9, 2019

7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

***University Park Elementary School**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm and adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Attendees: Linda Verrill (chair), Laurie Morrissey and Joe Schultz (members). Absent: Roland Stephen (member).

*NOTE: In spite of documented and confirmed meeting space reservations for the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at UPES, upon arrival at UPES, the committee chair was informed that the school was closed because it was being painted. The janitor, the person with the authority to keep open the door, informed the chair that he would be locking up and leaving within a half hour. Having no alternative, the committee met on the benches in front of the school.

1. Discussion about town code on noise

Discussion centered on the possibility of instituting permitting that, if sought, would exempt from code violation an after-hours party that would currently violate the town's noise code. The current noise code (7-104) does not allow noise that disturbs the neighbors after 8:00 pm Monday through Friday and after 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, unless the noise is from necessary property maintenance.

The committee agreed to research other municipalities' noise policies specific to noise from loud parties and discuss at the next committee meeting.

2. Other Business

- A. A committee member introduced a discussion on the code prohibiting commercial vehicle not associated with a delivery or service to a resident parking without a permit on the street. The committee will put this item on the agenda for discussion at the next committee meeting.
- B. Status update on Welcoming Town Policy activities. There has been no update to the committee chair from the town attorney or the mayor on the status of the town attorney's work identifying town policy documents that should be amended to support the Welcoming Town concepts as adopted by council.