Sound Oversight Committee Meeting Notes
July 18th, 2017

Members present: Lt. Kevin Cashman, Chuck Fagone, Robert Waitkevitch
City staff present: Jessica Hanscombe, Licensing Dept.

Minutes recorded by Catherine Hooper The meeting began at 5:00 pm

1. Minutes from the 6/20/17 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

2. Lt. Cashman provided an update in regards to complaints about a concert on 5/13. Dispatchers typically merge multiple phone calls about the same incident into one, but now have changed the policy so the correct number of complaint calls with be recorded from now on. Number of complaints from 5/13 concert should be 6, not 1 as previously recorded. Decibel numbers on those complaints were 91/89/89/89.

3. PPD responded to 5 calls for loud music at the Maine State Pier on 06/17/17. Only one call had been documented. The readings called into dispatch were (in decibels) 75,81,83,75,83

4. Lt. Cashman provided an overview of calls for service in the month of June.

Public Comment:

5. Karen Snyder, Waterville Street resident, states she is happy the committee is here to listen to citizens' concerns. Lt. Cashman encouraged residents present to spread the word to call the dispatch number and file a complaint at the time of the noise so an officer can come out and measure the decibels. Ms. Snyder also raised concerns about strobe lights; Lt. Cashman stated he would follow up.

6. Jeff Aumuller, Portland Pier resident, raised safety concerns for boaters not being able to hear voice commands during concerts.

7. Paula Guillemette Agopian inquired how the sound oversight committee was selected; suggested having a representative from the neighborhood association nominated. She was advised her to contact her city councilor.

8. Questioned the number of arrests/complaints (she had heard 41) from a recent concert on at the Maine State Pier. Lt. Cashman explained the different possibilities including medical issues, underage drinking, criminal trespassing, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm