

Re: Planning Board 8/26 meeting Noise Study

Public Hearing

Mon 8/26/2019 12:04 PM

To: schlueter.eric@gmail.com <schlueter.eric@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Schlueter.

I have received your email and will provide such to the Planning Board.

I do note that the City has now changed the schedule for the current and upcoming Planning Board meetings. While we initially intended to address 'noise impacts' at tonight's meeting, we have chosen not to address this issue at this time so we could devote attention to the issue of buffers and view assessment. At present, I am uncertain when the issue of noise will be considered by the Board, but I believe it will be in October.

I will ensure that your letter remains in the public record for when the issue of noise impacts is considered by the Board.

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From: schlueter.eric@gmail.com <schlueter.eric@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 3:03 PM

To: Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>

Subject: Planning Board 8/26 meeting Noise Study

Dear Planning Board,

This letter addresses the Noise Study, for the Nordic Aquafarm permit, but like everything in the environment and each of the permit applications none of these things works independently of the others and everything is ultimately connected.

The May 13 2019 NewYorker had an article titled "Volumetrics" which focuses on noise seeming to be a factor in a range of things from heart disease to children's ability to learn and even frightening whales away from feeding areas.

I went to a hippy dippy grade school in the early 70's and learned all about solar energy, and I often wondered how and why solar energy was put on the back burner until I got older and realized things don't make sense. I learned from the article there was a Noise Control Act, formed the same time as the Environmental Protection Agency. And the below quotes stood out to me:

"In his keynote address at the 1968 Conference on Noise as a Public Health Hazard, in Washington, (William H.) Stewart (Surgeon general under Presidents Johnson and Nixon) said, 'Must we wait until we prove every link in the chain of causation?' And added, 'in protecting health, absolute proof comes late. To wait for it is to invite disaster or to prolong suffering

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unnecessarily.' "

Arline Bronzaft, a retired professor of environmental psychology, had been interviewed for the article. The article ends with;

"Measuring noise is important, Bronzaft said, but it isn't an end in itself. "If I don't see the data being used to get action I'm not going to be happy," she continued. "We had all this stuff in the nineteen-seventies. And what have we done?"."

I think most of you on the planning board are old enough to remember the 70's. Then the 80's came along and look where we are now.

I ask the Planning Board in reviewing all the permit applications dealing with the environment to keep these quotations in mind, they could apply to all the environmental impacts of Nordic Aquafarms' proposed fish farm.

Thank you for all the time and thoughtfulness you are all putting into this momentous task.

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