

Pierce House Committee  
Meeting location- Pierce House  
5/2/18 4pm

Present: Nancy Beach(Pierce House Event Manager), , Terry Green, (Chair), Anne Crosby, Lucia MacMahon, Jean Horne, Pam Weismann, Margi Byrnes,  
in Attendance- Gus Brown, Sheila Dennis, Sarah Arshad, Bob Domnitz, James DeNormandie, Guli Arshad, Tom Henry

### **Meeting called to order at 4:00**

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

### **4:10-4:55 Update on Noise abatement ( Nancy's document "Update on Noise Management Study")**

Tim Higgins will start the contract with VHB sound Engineers to begin the sound study.

Tom Dominitz suggested the committee also ask Tim Higgings to review the possibility of using Cavanaugh Tocci ( Sudbury) to do a sound study. (This group was involved in studies for the rte 2 work done near Lincoln Commons.)

In response to neighbors' previous requests for the committee to investigate Possible Sound Management solutions, the committee reviewed its initial research

- Quilted blankets - problem with gaps, looking into a guarantee for noise reduction
- Acoustical Curtains – appear to be possible good solution for use in music area of tent
- Bass traps- 24" high x 20" wide; 8 traps would cost \$614
- Try ending music at 10pm for the events for new contracts. Ask for a premium to go to 11pm

### **Public Questions and Comments-**

- Complaints are for the loudness of the music, the bass frequencies and the thumping sounds that travel as well as the 11pm ending of the events
- Neighbors wondered if we have looked into a different kind of tent, one that is enclosed. Nancy said the concern with enclosing the tent is that the patrons are coming to the Pierce House for the lawns and view.
- Neighbors wondered the feasibility of building a platform in the back of the Pierce House with a permanent building in keeping with the property. Discussion centered around the cost and the permitting for such a structure due to conservation issues, etc.
- Neighbors asked that for all new contracts for the 2019 season, clients be asked to reduce volume after 10pm.
- Neighbors asked Committee to consider making a designated place within the tent for the musicians or DJ, with a bump out and bass traps facing the Pierce House, so the sound bounces onto the House where it can be absorbed.
- Neighbors suggested purchasing a Sound monitor with a big red light when the noise exceeds goal
- Neighbors requested
  - The committee move as expeditiously as possible with a 10 pm ending of music for new contracts
  - The committee continue to research and discuss what is a reasonable volume for a historic neighborhood
- Neighbors expressed other concerns-
  - gas leak at the end of the driveway
  - Placement of the current No Parking signs on Weston a Road is problematic as drivers can't read the signs until the car is already parked. Signs should be facing the oncoming car.

- Terry will call Chris Bibbo at the DPW and request a change in sign placement

**Motion:** For all new 2019 contracts- the music will end at 10pm on all Friday, all Saturdays nights and for the Sundays of holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day) while the committee works with VHB to gain data needed to make informed, long term recommendations regarding volume of music at the Pierce House. Guests can stay until 11pm. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** For all new contract, no additional guest tents, except for the bump outs to the permanent tent and catering tents, will be allowed. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **4:55- 5:40 Manager's Report (May 2018)**

- New sign for Pierce House-
  - Jean Horne will call Lucricia Geise of the Historical Commission to begin the process of permitting.
- CapCom update- generator approved and the engineering study of culvert; paving of the driveway was not approved
- Website- approved taking Silvers off the webpage, keep the dedication page for Judy Gross on the website
- Donated Dollhouse- tickets sales: raffle \$10 each or 3 for \$25 through Oct. 31; drawing November 1
- Discussion postponed until next month- Tree pruning, rug cleaning, marketing budget, porch tenting

#### **5:40-5:50 Tree warden study**

Nancy will get the copies of Ken's report to us

#### **5:50- 6:00 Financial Report**

##### **Other**

- Donation policy- planning for 501-3C for tax deduction- Terry will contact Buzz Constable and Tim Higgins about starting the process.

#### **Requisition approvals**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm**

**Next meeting Wednesday June 20, 2018 Donaldson Room at Town Offices**

**July 4 meeting will be on July 11. No meeting in August.**

*"Our mission is to be stewards of this historic property so that residents of Lincoln, neighbors, and guests may continue to use the Pierce House as a venue to gather and celebrate, in keeping with the spirit of John H. Pierce's gift to the Town of Lincoln." (approved March 20, 2016)*