

January 20, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee
Stamford Board of Representatives
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, Connecticut 06901

RE: Noise Complaints

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Paul Tully, one of the owners and operators of the Beer Garden at Shippan Landing, located at 208 Harbor Drive. I am writing in response to the public's complaints and feedback regarding music traveling from Harbor Point and Shippan Landing businesses in 2020 and 2021.

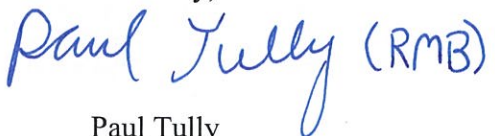
I want to make clear that we take the feedback from our neighbors, particularly our surrounding residential neighbors, very seriously. We have operated in Stamford for just under a decade and have greatly enjoyed being able to entertain and serve the residents of Stamford. Especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, we feel lucky to be able to provide Stamford residents a safe environment to be able to gather in a way that is not currently possible indoors. 2020 was the first year since we opened that we received formal complaints from our neighbors.

Like other outdoor establishments in Stamford, we do not operate a year-round live music venue. We only operate from the beginning of May to the end of September, Wednesday through Sunday. Before we received complaints, we played live music from 7pm to 10pm on Friday and Saturday nights, and acoustic live music on Sundays from 4pm to 7pm. After receiving complaints, we changed our schedule to 5pm to 8pm Friday and Saturday nights, with no change to the Sunday schedule. Additionally, we lowered the volume on and positioned the speakers towards our building, away from the water.

We hear our neighbors' complaints and we want to work together as a community to find solutions that will continue to allow us to entertain Stamford without being viewed as bad neighbors. We have made efforts to operate in a way that minimizes any nuisances to the community we serve. If these efforts have been insufficient, we will endeavor to do better. While we are unable to attend tonight's public forum, we invite members of the public to visit us to discuss how best to work together to find a solution to this problem. We want to continue tonight's conversation.

Thank you for your time and attention regarding this issue. If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at paul@imianpartners.com

Sincerely,



Paul Tully