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**Re: Sound Level Variance Application for Nat-Smith Wedding, 7 Heather Pl., 10/10/20**

The applicant has requested a sound variance to allow for amplified music at 7 Heather Pl. on Saturday October 10 from 5.30pm to midnight (with sound check at 4.30pm) for a family wedding. DSI is recommending certain conditions including a 10pm finish, noise limit of 75dBA @ 50ft and sound level monitoring personnel and equipment.

Neighbors were invited to a virtual Public Hearing on 10/5/20 via Zoom, and were given the opportunity to submit comments in writing or call the SHA office if they were unable to attend. We solicited input from our neighborhood in the following ways:

- Postcards were mailed to all properties within ~350ft of 7 Heather Pl during the week of 9/28/20.
- A public meeting notice and request for comment was included in our email newsletter sent on 10/4/20.
- The public meeting details were included in our website's calendar.

**Public Hearing**

The applicant, Kerry D'Amato attended the Public Hearing and answered questions from the ZLU Committee members. The following factors were relevant to our vote:

- No neighbors voiced an objection to SHA, either at the meeting, by calling the SHA office, or by submitting a comment in writing. The applicant stated that she has spoken to several neighbors, who have all been supportive.
- Past parties have been held at 7 Heather Pl. and have been granted sound variances to midnight.
- The properties most likely to be affected are those down the hill on Grand Ave. The applicant intends to mitigate impact to these properties by locating speakers in the courtyard area between the two houses instead of by the pool area (which had been done in the past), and turning the speakers towards the house. We feel this is likely to minimize impact by containing the sound better within the courtyard area.

**Recommendation**

The ZLU Committee **voted unanimously to support the application** subject to the following terms:



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- Amplified music to be allowed to midnight (12:00am) per the applicant's wishes.
- Applicant to mitigate by situating speakers in the courtyard area and directing speakers towards the house.
- Per DSI's suggestions, applicant to limit noise levels to 75dBA @ 50ft and monitor levels with suitable equipment.

Thank you for your consideration, and please let us know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

Monica Haas  
Executive Director

Simon Taghioff  
Chair, Zoning & Land Use Committee