

May 5th 2011

TO: Chairman Robert St. Pierre
Date: May 5th Thursday, 2011
Subject: Inspections

Mr. Chairman

On Thursday May 5th, at 2230 hrs, I and Lt. Ouellette went out to inspect the B-5 area restaurants and bars. We patrolled the area from Washington St, Derby St and Front St and along Essex St. It was a very busy night, and a lot of foot traffic throughout the area, we paid close attention to all of the establishments and below is a brief summary of our observations and actions that night.

Murphy's Pub: Once again the security staff removed the patrons at closing time in an orderly manner. I spoke to the night manager and suggested the following steps to help keep the outside noise down to a comfortable level. First and foremost the outside door facing the patio should open out facing the cemetery, as it opens now the noise from inside opens directly towards the loft area causing the noise level to rise and fall throughout the night. The night manager stated they have discussed this and believe it would be a good idea also. We also suggested that more security should be outside in the patio controlling patrons from yelling and causing unnecessary noise. We also told the manager that we were not happy that on the last two inspections the owner Peter Kelly was not on site, and told him to relay our displeasure to Mr. Kelly. Again the security staff at closing time keeps the people moving away from the area of the loft. Vehicle traffic is also a problem and suggested that security when possible discourages vehicles from stopping, playing music loud, and yelling to patrons inside the patio.

Tavern in the Square: At 0045 hrs we noticed that glasses and bottles were still on tables in the bar area. We also noticed that when they were closing the patron left the building, but stayed outside causing the noise level to increase. We spoke to the night manager and informed her to correct the last call procedure and to have security outside of the building moving patrons

along and away from the area. This will greatly reduce problems from starting with patrons gathering outside at closing. We stayed in front of the Tavern until after 0100 hrs, the noise level greatly was reduced from our suggestions to the manager.

O'Neill's Pub: We were in the process of retiring for the night when we noticed between 20 to 30 patrons outside of O'Neill's, this was well after 0100 hrs. As we pulled across from the Pub a fight broke out, before we could notify Salem, a call came over the radio for patrol to check on a large group near Barton Sq. Two problems occurred that we feel caused the fight to break out, the pub clears patrons out of the building locks the door and leaves patrons to congregate outside. The restaurant next door to O'Neill's was opened and allowing people to go into the establishment, this was causing a bottle neck and patrons were not told to leave the area.

We spoke to the night manager at O'Neill's and informed her that it is the pub's responsibly to move patrons from the outside after closing, you just can't shut your doors and walk away. She stated that the Pub will correct the problem and she will inform the owner as to the problem.

We spoke to the owner of the restaurant and informed him that he is to appear before the board at a hearing to answer why he was opened after hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lee Board Member

Lt. Any Ouellette

May 5, 2011

TO: Chairman Robert St. Pierre
FROM: Board Member Rick Lee
Subject: Inspection

Mr. Chairman

On Friday April 29th between the hours of 2230hr and 0120 hrs I and Lt Ouellette did an onsite inspection of local bars and closing time procedures. For the first two hours we made observations to the conduct and noise level in the general area of Town House Square and the Derby street area. We paid close attention to the area around Murphy's Pub, and the actions of the security team at Murphy's. What we found out was that the area around the Pub is a funnel for people traveling on foot around the Derby St area. Street noise and the noise from people coming and going is not related to just Murphy's. For example, while in an unmarked cruiser parked across from Murphy's we heard a lot of yelling and laughter from a group of young women heading towards Murphy's from the Square area. As they tried to enter Murphy's the door staff refused to allow them to enter, they left heading back to the Square in a loud manner. The staff kept them moving away from the Pub and eventually they were out of the area and the noise level became quiet. Due to the high volume of foot traffic along with noise from regular vehicles on the street causes the noise level to pitch up and down during the evening.

We checked the Lobster Shanty also that night around 2300 hrs. We went behind the row of buildings across from the old Deacon Giles and listened to the sounds of music playing. We could hear the music, but in my opinion it was not overly loud. Within the next ten minutes the band finished and no noise could be heard in the general area of the Shanty.

We returned back to Murphy's at closing time keeping a safe distant so the staff could not see us, but we could observe the surrounding area. From 0030hrs until 0100 hrs the staff cleared out the pub and kept moving the people along away from the area of the Pub. People started gathering across the street from Murphy's and the staff crossed the street and dispersed the groups without incident. The staff did not allow anyone to congregate in the area and stayed after closing until all of the patrons had left the area.

We checked the downtown area after leaving Murphy's and found that some of the bars still had people in front of the establishments; we will be addressing this issue as we go out on more inspections.

I feel that a police presence in the area would do a lot to control noise after patrons left the establishments, especially in the coming warm weather when everyone is out and about. This was done in the past with the help of the City and the Chamber and I saw the efforts of the Salem Police Department keeping a tight control of the surrounding areas. I strongly recommend in the coming warm months that we go back to this proactive patrol in the downtown area, this along with our nightly inspections will go a long way in keeping noise complaints down.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lee Board Member