

## Letter to the Editor

As a resident of Sunapee whose family owned lakefront property from 1943 until 2005 and still owns property in the town I strongly oppose any ordinance limiting or controlling fireworks in the town. I realize that there is a whole new, transplanted population here, especially around the lake, that is made up of generally wealthier people but their wealth shouldn't be an acceptable reason for changing the flavor of the town.

Limiting where and when fireworks can be used by the proposed wording of the ordinance will effectively limit people from using fireworks on most private properties given the makeup of our natural environment and the way many homes are built close to each other around the lake.

There has been a long tradition of fireworks use, especially around the lake, for the fifty-eight years I can remember and very little harm has occurred from that use.

Perhaps people who want peace and quiet should have taken that into consideration and purchased property elsewhere in the first place instead of believing their tax dollars entitle them to demand such ordinances.

I'm relatively certain this ordinance will pass complete with loose wording that can be interpreted at will even if hundreds of people show up at the next meeting to protest it.

And I'm just as sure the ordinance will be abused regularly by both the town government and the police department depending on who it is that wants to use fireworks. The present wording allows for that abuse and I'm sure that's deliberate.

Let's be brutally honest here, this whole issue is about a handful of wealthy people and several members of the town government and or staff who want total control, it has nothing to do with safety or the discomfort of the majority.

So if there must be such an ordinance the wording should at least be exact in describing what is and isn't allowed and not left up to any one or even several people's discretion. And the wording shouldn't limit so many people to enable the wants of so few.

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