

TOWN OF WILLISTON  
**Notice of Public Hearing**  
Noise Ordinance Amendments  
Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
8:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Meeting Room

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A., Chapter 59 and Chapter 61, the Williston Selectboard is proposing to amend the Town's Noise Control Ordinance which was first adopted in 2004. The Noise Control Ordinance is an existing ordinance which establishes controls that are intended to reduce noise in the community.

A public hearing on the proposed amendments will take place on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 8:00 P.M. in the Williston Town Hall Meeting Room. The only proposed substantive change is to Section 6.13. Below is the proposed wording (additions are underlined; deletions are shown with a ~~strike through~~ font):

“6.13. The use of firearms when used for hunting in accordance with state Fish and Wildlife laws or when used for sport shooting consistent with any permitting conditions placed on such use. For sport shooting uses permitted prior to January 1, 2005, the hours of operation ~~will be determined through a written agreement with the Town~~ shall be as follows:

- a. Regular Hours
  - a. Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. to dusk.
  - b. Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- b. Special Events
  - a. Special events may be held outside of regular hours on the condition that a representative of the shooting club notifies the Williston Police Department and the Williston Town Manager of such event by email, at least 48 hours in advance thereof and provided further that the event occurs between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
  - c. “Special events” means shooting events held outside of the regular shooting schedule identified above.
  - d. The number of Special Events shall not exceed an average of sixteen (16) per calendar year, as averaged over a rolling 3-year period, with the calendar year 2020 as the first year of the rolling 3-year period. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, in no event shall Special Events exceed 20 in any calendar year.
  - e. In addition to “Special Events,” up to four (4) hunter safety courses per calendar year may be held, provided the course is certified by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department or successor state agency or department.”

If adopted, the amendment may become effective 60 days after the public hearing and vote by the Selectboard.

Notice is hereby given that any ordinance or amendment thereto adopted by the Town of Williston may be disapproved by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters at an annual or special meeting as provided in 24 V.S.A. §1973.

The above is a summary. Copies of the text of the proposed amendment are available at the Town Manager's Office in the Williston Town Hall, 7900 Williston Road, Williston, VT. The text of the proposed amendment is also available on the Town's Website <http://town.williston.vt.us> (Public Records-Ordinances-Pending Ordinances). If you have any questions, please contact Erik Wells at (802) 878-0919.

Dated at the Town of Williston, Vermont, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October.

Richard McGuire,  
Town Manager

**Publication Dates:** October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup>