April 26, 2024 Greenport Village Planning Board 236 Third Street Greenport, NY 11944

We, the undersigned, believe the Greenport Village Planning Board should reject Anker's application for an Entertainment Permit. As Greenport residents, we are broadly in favor of music in the village, and fully support local live musicians playing at restaurants and bars throughout the village, as well as live music events in Mitchell Park. However, from our experience throughout last summer, Anker simply does not have sufficient noise mitigation in place to be in compliance with the Village Noise Code for their proposed entertainment, particularly their plans for a late night DJ.

In regards to the necessary qualifications for the approval of Entertainment Permits, the Village's Zoning Law states,

- "The proposed operating plan for the applicable business, entity or property is sufficient to ensure compliance with applicable provisions of the Code and other applicable laws, including in respect of occupancy limits, noise and other potential nuisances to the surrounding neighborhood"
 - In our experience from last summer, the music being played was not and will not be in compliance with Greenport's Noise Code.
- "Appropriate buffering will be in place to reduce any impact of the proposed activities in respect of noise, light or other potential nuisances in the surrounding neighborhood."
 - This is our primary point of contention with the proposed Entertainment Permit. Simply put, Anker's lack of walls in the upstairs deck of the building where historically the DJ has been playing, is grossly insufficient to reducing the sound into the residential units immediately adjacent to their building. For context, the upper floor of Anker, where the Saturday Night Dance Club takes place, has no walls. The upstairs is covered by a fabric awning for weatherproofing, but is essentially an open-air deck.
- "The proposed entertainment and/or hosting of catered affairs will not generate noise of such character, intensity or duration as to be detrimental to the health or quality of life of reasonable persons of ordinary sensibilities."
 - The inherent character of a DJ set is that it builds in volume and intensity as the night goes on.
 The DJ playing at Anker is well aware of this, and the result is that the peak intensity of the
 music at 12:30 AM, when the music is at its loudest, permeates through the walls of neighboring
 apartments, some of whom are families with young children who are trying to sleep.

We want to emphasize that our opposition is very specifically to the inadequacy of the noise mitigation for the entertainment planned at Anker. The particular problem with the combination of this style of entertainment, in a building immediately adjacent to multiple residential dwellings, and with insufficient noise mediation is that late in the evening (12:30 AM), when noise within the village should be quieting down, the planned entertainment at Anker reaches its peak level of volume and intensity. We understand that the Village has an interest in supporting the kind of entertainment that brings visitors and business into the community. As a board member of the Village Business Improvement District, I understand these priorities well, however, that interest *must* be balanced with the welfare and quality of life of its residents. Anker's proposed Entertainment Permit fails to reach that balance. We have been to multiple Village meetings where the community has strongly opposed the noise pollution brought about by leaf blowers. We understand that the Village Trustees, the Mayor, and the Planning Committee have all come to understand that the community is passionate about the disruption that unwanted noise can have on their quality of life. We would appreciate a similar consideration for, what is in our view, a much more invasive noise issue.

We implore the Planning Board to consider that this particular permit, at this particular restaurant, for this particular form of entertainment to not be in keeping with the goals of the Village, the quality of life of its residents, or with the requirements written in the Zoning Law.

Thank you,

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