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Situation

- The current Noise Bylaw is focused on Construction Noise only
 - No limitations or prohibitions on any other noise
- Construction noise allowed at certain hours on ANY day in the week incl. weekends
- No “quiet” day in Concord

Proposal

- Establish a general Noise Bylaw
- Establish Sunday and major Holidays as “quiet days”
- Mirror rules from surrounding towns

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	Existing Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw
Purpose	Construction noise only	General noise
Noise definition	any excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the reasonable quiet, comfort, repose or the health and safety of others within the Town	same
Weekdays	noise allowed 7am to 8pm	same
Weekend	noise allowed Saturdays: 7am to 8pm and Sundays: 8am to 6pm	noise allowed Saturdays: 9am to 5pm; Sundays & major Holidays: prohibited
Exemptions	Emergency work, work for public safety, and activities authorized by police for public safety	same
Others	-	Select Board authorized to issue permits and amend bylaw e.g. for exemptions and enforcement.

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