Ordinance Subcommittee Report

To: Christos Alexopoulos, Town Council President

From: Katrina Huff-Larmond, Chair, Ordinance Subcommittee

Date: July 11, 2025

cc: Richard Brewer, Subcommittee Member
Brandon Thompson, Subcommittee Member
Jesse Gordon, Town Councilor

Re: **Council Order 2025-051:**
Council Order Concerning List Of Inspectors and Adjusters Relating to Blasting

The Ordinance Subcommittee met on Monday, July 7, 2025 to consider *Council Order 2025-051: Council Order Concerning List Of Inspectors and Adjusters Relating to Blasting*, which was referred to the Subcommittee by the Town Council. Subcommittee members Katrina Huff-Larmond, Richard Brewer and Brandon Thompson were in attendance. Councilor Jesse Gordon, who is the proponent of the Council Order, was also present. The Town Attorney also attended the meeting.

After a thorough discussion, the Subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Council not adopt the Council Order as presented, but instead request as follows:

That the Town, and specifically the Town Fire Department, make information available to members of the public advising them that they have the option of hiring an independent inspector or adjustor to review their property at any point in the blasting process, both before, during or after any blasting has taken place.

The Subcommittee has additionally requested that the Town Attorney draft an Ordinance for review by the Town Council that would i) increase the geographic area where notice of blasting must be provided, prior to blasting, and that would ii) increase the limits on the seismic effects that may be created through cumulative blasting, even if each individual blast is below the legal seismic limit.

The Ordinance Subcommittee has scheduled a meeting for Monday, August 11, 2025 at 5pm to discuss such a draft Ordinance. It is the hope of the Subcommittee that this Ordinance will serve as a model for changes that we would like to advocate for at the State level, so that these changes could be effective State-wide.