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Hi and thank you for taking the time to read this. I know times can be a little hectic these days with the financial crunch and the pandemic but I wanted to reach out and emphasize my disappointment about a incident that happened this last Saturday. At approximately 6:30 pm I witnessed a vendor and their family pull up at Canal and Main st with their supplies in tow. And instantly the owner of Cigar monkey and a group of 4-5 took it upon themselves to verbally harass the vendor. Literally a group against one. And not for ten minutes but for two hours. I have nothing but respect for the female vendor for professionally standing her ground. I hope there's a procedure to clarify this issue so we as a community can support the seeds of growth and to build a better tomorrow. The business owner of the Cigar Monkey has a lot to understand when it comes to oral communication and I would hate for his perception of power to represent all of us in the community and fellow business owners.

Respectfully,

S.Hess

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