



Light Air Noise Bylaw Committee
Remote Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Meeting came to order at 7:02 PM

Attending: Sherrill Rosoff, Renee D'Argento, April Healey, Harvey Serreze, Michael Veit, Mark Little by phone

Motion to approve November 4 2021 minutes by Renee D'Argento, seconded by Harvey Serreze. Minutes approved.

The meeting was dedicated to the re-organization and editing of the bylaw to reduce its size and increase its readability. The bylaw document was reviewed with particular focus on specificity, organization, and emphasis. Sections reviewed include: Authority, Purpose, Applicability, Prohibitions, Exemptions, Compliance, Appendix. Requirements were consolidated to those that applied to all lighting situations, separating out those that applied to commercial and industrial. The after hours operations language received particular attention. Mark will provide a proposed edit to after hours operation. Discussion will continue at next meeting.

Report to the group: Renee and Sherrill have been doing measurements around the town before and after the retrofit, Christmas decorations made no difference in levels of light pollution. Most significant difference was on River Road site which had high levels of light pollution, but then the owners put their exterior lights on a motion sensor which significantly reduced light pollution levels. So using motion sensors, dimmers, and timers really does significantly impact light pollution levels. Dimming streetlights has also helped and raises the question of whether if you dimmed even lower to 50%, or 35% - why not turn off lights entirely? Have also seen a slight increase in light pollution in some areas but we don't know why.

April Healey made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Michael Veit.
Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.