



LIGHT AIR NOISE (LAN) Bylaw Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020

Conference Room A, Town Hall

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Attending: Tim Brothers, Renee D'Argento, Tony Beattie, Michael Veit, Casey Campetti, Pat Kenneally, Ron Karr, Vince Premus, Sherrill Rosoff, Harvey Serreze, Mark Little.

Absent: Margaret Scarsdale

Meeting came to order at 7:10 PM.

Sherrill Rosoff reminded everyone about Open Meeting laws; if a committee member has not yet taken the online ethics course, please do so.

Append Tim's PPT presentation to the actual minutes. Tim Brothers is still working on the Outdoor Lighting Bylaw media presentation with Pepperell Community Media to include the presentation on the PCM website.

Move the minutes from the last meeting to the next meeting. Tony moved, and Tim seconded, Outdoor Lighting Presentation notes to be appended to the actual meeting minutes.

Abstain: Casey and Vince - motion passed.

Harvey Serreze nominated Sherrill Rosoff to be Chair and Renee D'Argento seconded. Tony Beattie moved for Tim Brothers to be Vice Chair, motion seconded by Renee D'Argento. Ron Karr moved to cast vote. Motion approved.

Casey Campetti suggested rotating secretaries. Chair or Vice Chair will tap person to be secretary.

Discussion ensued regarding the latest Outdoor Lighting Bylaw draft.

Tim Brothers announced that the Committee has received comments from 4 town administrators: Building Inspector, Planning Board, Lisa Davis and Ken Kalinowski.

Tim Brothers reviewed comments of the above. Joyce Morrow's comments: no entity should be excluded from the bylaw (non-profits). Ron said that zoning never deals with ownership - passed on that comment. Curfew hours - need to be amended depending on building and usage (motion detectors). Tim tried to keep it general: businesses have curfew and homes do not.

Discussion ensued as to whether these written comments need to be posted on the LAN website. Sherrill Rosoff or Tim Brothers will follow up with Town Administrator for his recommendation.

Renee D'Argento asked if the Planning Board can add conditions to a commercial building development such as requiring motion detectors? Casey Campetti confirmed that the Planning Board already has purview over some lighting (although the Planning Board does not uniformly employ lighting plans) and advised the Committee not to overstep Planning Board authority.

Casey: another question related to height of lighting came up in the Planning Board: lighting for a deck - is it the walking surface or ground level? Example: second story walk-out.

The larger question is how do you actually measure light trespass? Tim Brothers stated he has tried not to get into that, especially with trying to determine light trespass at night, but most towns now have light meters and are using them so they can start making nighttime visits. They're about \$100. Didn't want to go there (measurements) - especially with bigger projects - but measurement is now in the bylaw. Joyce Morrow in her letter (Planning Board) thought penalties should be more substantial; Tim removed mis-demeanor language so it's just a penalty in the Bylaw draft. He copied parts of Gloucester which has a good night bylaw. See sections 7.1 - 7.2.

Section 2.2. - further editing - deletion of "the environment as a whole"

Tim Brothers noted that he is not including references in the bylaw but these can put on the town LAN website. Tim will talk with Martin Cadek about a webpage for the slide presentation of the Outdoor Lighting Bylaw. Tim created a public outreach document to demonstrate how easy it is to enforce the bylaw. We can also have Shielding options on our website to show people what we mean.

Further edits: Applicability: All exterior.... - only first sentence - 3.1.1 et al eliminated. 3.2.6: strike legal and include pre-existing.

Discussion turned to public outreach and suggestions included: establish a YouTube presentation, public library presentation, outreach to Nashoba Tech, local Eagle Scouts, Star Parties, Senior Center presentation (3/21/20). The aim is also to get a final version of the Outdoor Lighting Bylaw to the Town Administrator and to Town Counsel for review. Then presentation to the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.