



Light Air Noise Bylaw Committee  
Remote Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2022  
7:00 - 8:00 PM

The meeting came to order at 7:04 PM.

Attending: Mark Little, Ron Karr, Renee D'Argento, Sherrill Rosoff, April Healey, Harvey Serreze

Minutes for January 20th meeting approved.

Sherrill made the agreed upon changes to the Bylaw and asked the Committee to do a final review to confirm that the document contains all the changes. The Committee reviewed the bylaw checking formatting, spelling, definitions, and redundancy issues. Discussion continued about the after hours language and language regarding protected spaces and sensitive uses, light trespass, and other sections. The Committee wanted to be sure the 161 Nashua Road project or any other large project cannot commit light trespass. Discussion ensued about the timeframe for securing legal opinion if we go outside for a local attorney which might delay us, and uncertainty if the town would allow us to do that. Question arose as to whether the IDA may have an attorney that could help us or if we can find a pro bono attorney in town? Outreach to Tim Brothers by cell and text was made. Discussion ensued - if none of the above pans out with an attorney review, what's our fallback? Sherrill will reach out to her neighbor down the road, and connect with Tim the next morning to put that to bed. Third option is to go to the town attorney, who will look at it before town meeting. Mark's concern is that the town attorney is not necessarily an advocate for what we're doing - April suggested going to one of the attorneys defending the town against the Toxic Dirt.

Sherrill sent an invitation to everyone to access Google docs and the slide show draft. Please check out the Google slides, you all have editing capability so we can come back and share everyone's comments. March 18th is the deadline for submitting the Bylaw to the Select Board.

Tim sent around the Cooper Lighting campaign with the testimonial by Andrew MacLean in which he stated that Pepperell has declared itself to be a Dark Skies friendly community. The Select Board has not taken an action in that regard. If the State has resolved the tariff structure so that towns are only charged for the electricity they use, then the town will see significant cost savings. What Sherrill and Renee have noticed with their measuring efforts is that the light pollution levels have not significantly changed with the street light retrofit.

Motion to adjourn: Mark Little moved to adjourn, April Healey seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:29 PM.