



LIGHT AIR NOISE (LAN) Bylaw Committee

Remote Meeting Minutes

03/25/20

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Attending: Michael Veit, Pat Kenneally, Renee D'Argento, Ron Karr, Harvey Serreze, Mark Little, Sherrill Rosoff

Absent: Vince Premus

Meeting came to order at 7:39 PM.

Motion to approve minutes of 12/3/20 as amended made by Ron Karr, seconded by Harvey Serreze. Unanimously approved.

Sherrill Rosoff reported that at the last SelectBoard meeting, the charge to the LAN Bylaw committee now explicitly includes educational outreach. The Spring Town Meeting is now scheduled for June 12, 9:00 AM. There's a long list of articles in addition to budgets that includes: Municipal Housing Trust, Stormwater Management Bylaw, Outdoor Lighting Bylaw, Municipal Agricultural Commission among others.

Ron Karr noted that, until recently, the SelectBoard never made formal recommendations regarding any warrant articles. The committee anticipates a split vote.

Discussion turned to the impending streetlight demo. The Town Administrator recently stated that if there is a clear favorite, he will order the streetlights immediately. Harvey Serreze noted that the town is not bound by the survey results; that this was not a vote but an input process. Mark Little noted that the input may influence the SelectBoard; the LAN committee could come to its own decision although, as a group, there's been no discussion on that point. Sherrill Rosoff stated that she wasn't clear as to how and who would be making the final decision; had assumed that, with community input, the Town Administrator would make recommendations to the SelectBoard and that it would make the final decision. Renee D'Argento said that the Outdoor Lighting Bylaw says that the lighting choice should be the lowest CCT. Sherrill Rosoff reminded the group that RealTerm Energy's initial proposal was the standard 4000K/3000K scenario; the bylaws intent (section 4.4.1) was to prevent that scenario from happening and that community input was one strategy for doing so. When Cooper said they would provide

2200K lights at the 2700K price, it placed the 2200K lights into play. We can provide the SelectBoard with our opinion but it would be up to the SelectBoard whether it gives LAN's opinion more weight than community input or not.

Ron Karr noted that this discussion could be had once we have the community survey data. Harvey Serreze noted LAN would want enough time after the survey to craft a recommendation and present to the SelectBoard. Mark Little: clearly the process needs to be exposed...

Sherrill Rosoff said that she would craft an email and send around to LAN prior to sending to the Town Administrator that the streetlight demo should be two weeks, as originally planned, not the one week now being suggested. Also bar code recommendation, (discussion about what the QR code would link to - presumably the survey - and town's capability to set this up) and need to have name and street address on survey. Ron Karr noted it might be interesting to see any differences in responses if the person was a non-resident (but works in town).

Discussion turned to community outreach to support the Outdoor Lighting Bylaw. Michael Veit told the committee that he had approached the Nashoba Conservation Trust Board which has given its unanimous endorsement of the Bylaw. He's willing to write up a statement to that effect with Ken Hartlage's approval. It could be posted on the NCT website.

Sherrill Rosoff said that something similar might be done with the Agricultural Advisory Board. There are other groups: local Garden Club, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, CounterAct Climate Change group. The Outdoor Lighting Bylaw will be part of the June 3rd Civic Engagement Night. We could write an article for the Nashoba Valley Voice and tie the bylaw to pending Dark Skies legislation.

Warrant articles and the town meeting agenda will be posted on the town website.

Tim Brothers will be making final edits to the presentation that was developed for last Spring's Town Meeting. At our next meeting the group needs to discuss how the committee will organize its presentation at town meeting.

Finally, Sherrill Rosoff announced that Pat Kenneally would be leaving the committee.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Little, seconded by Michael Veit.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.