



## LIGHT AIR NOISE (LAN) Bylaw Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/08/2019

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Location: Town Administrator's Office, Town Hall

The meeting came to order at 7:18 PM.

Attending: Casey Campetti, Harvey Serreze, Margaret Scarsdale, Tony Beattie, Renee D'Argento, Mark Little, Sherrill Rosoff

Absent: Vince Premus, Tim Brothers, Pat Kenneally, Ron Karr, Joe Radwich

Sherrill Rosoff reviewed the working notes from the meeting of 4/30/19 for which there was no quorum.

Margaret Scarsdale noted that Tim Brothers would be reachable if we wanted to make further edits; however, for the next few months he will be holding down two jobs related to his work at MIT's Wallace Observatory in Westford.

Casey Campetti noted it might be a better use of committee time to get people behind both the Noise and Light bylaw drafts than doing one at a time. Renee D'Argento asked whether we could create a value statement as we did with the Noise bylaw. Mark Little thought both bylaws should resemble each other if we present them together. Casey thought that the value statement at the outset should stress light pollution as a nuisance, (with reasons for it being so) and preserving the rural character of the town. Tony Beattie noted that light pollution is one consequence of our growing population and that, generally, we have to find ways to live more comfortably together in closer quarters. He said he would draft a value statement for the committee to review at the next meeting.

Margaret Scarsdale wondered whether the police chief would need more information on the public safety aspects of bright light; Tim Brothers has noted anecdotal instances of bright light actually making it more difficult, not less, for public safety personnel to monitor street safety.

She also noted that she's waiting for Tim Brothers to make some further edits (as a result of the working meeting on 4/30) on his draft. Discussion ensued about whether public safety concerns are incorporated into the bylaw or part of the presentation to town committees and at town meeting. Margaret said that she would place the Light bylaw in Goggle docs (after checking with the Town Administrator as to whether online editing conforms to open meeting guidelines) so that committee members can make edits.

The Noise bylaw is out for review: Police Chief, (new police chief will come on board the end of May); Board of Health, Planning Board (the draft may be included in the Planning Board packet for members to read prior to presentation by our committee). Tony Beattie will reach out to Paula Terrasi (sp?) to get a Conservation perspective on light pollution impact on local wildlife.

Finally, it was decided that we would schedule public hearings on the two bylaw drafts working backwards from the 10/7/19 town meeting and we will need to research a timeline for those meetings.

Casey Campetti will release the conference room between now and our next meeting of May 28.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.