



LIGHT AIR NOISE (LAN) Bylaw Committee

Public Presentation and Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2020

Lawrence Library, 7:00 - 8:45 PM

Attending: Margaret Scarsdale, Sherrill Rosoff, Pat Kenneally, Tim Brothers, Renee D'Argento, Tony Beattie, Michael Veit

Absent: Vince Premus, Mark Little, Harvey Serreze, Casey Campetti

The public presentation by Tim Brothers regarding "Preserving Pepperell's Night Skies" began at 7:04 pm and concluded at 8:05 PM. The slide presentation is attached as a pdf file.

Business meeting came to order at 8:06 PM.

Renee D'Argento motioned to approve the 1/6/20 meeting minutes. Tim Brothers seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Renee D'Argento inquired about the International Dark Skies Association "In the Dark" video and suggested that it be used as part of our public outreach.

The question was raised as to whether the Planning Board has a checklist for local lighting requirements that would apply to new building developments, renovations, etc. John Dee is Pepperell's electrical Inspector and the question was raised whether he should receive a copy of the Light Bylaw draft.

Tim Brothers is meeting with Lisa Davis tomorrow to review her suggestions regarding the draft. Margaret Scarsdale dropped in to see Bob Kelly to close the loop with him after his meeting with our committee.

Sherrill Rosoff reported that all town committees (boards, commissions) have received the draft bylaw with a request to return comments by February 18th.

We have just received comments from Ken Kalinowski, and Paul Lonergan and Joyce Morrow (Planning Board).

Michael Veit suggested planning a Sky Watch in Pepperell (end of April before the Spring Town meeting) which could be done at Keyes, Nissitissit Meadows, or Heald Orchard. He said there are many people in this area who are involved in astronomy who would be interested in an event like this and might volunteer

their time. There are local astronomical societies to tap into. Michael said he would be willing to take the lead on this effort and will be sharing relevant links.

Margaret Scarsdale reminded members that open meeting laws prohibit members from deliberating outside of committee meeting. We can discuss scheduling, attendance but not edits, as an example, because that may lead into deliberation.

Next meeting of the LAN committee: February 4th, 7 PM. Location to be determined. Agenda will include reorganization of the LAN committee (election of new officers) and public outreach scheduling.

Tony Beattie motioned to adjourn, Renee D'Argento seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.