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APPEALS MEETING Wednesday, October 14, 2020

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Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 12:04 PM

Hello,

I'm writing this letter in regards to the PUBLIC HEARING REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING taking place on Wednesday, October 14, 2020

A request for a variance for four signs from Section 134-4 (Signs), Prohibited Signs (5), Illumination b. of the Code of Ordinances, which states, "The source of illumination may be internal or external. The source of light shall not be exposed." The submitted sign permit application is requesting signs with exposed lighting.

I fully support the current rule that the "source of light shall not be exposed". I believe that the idea behind the rule, as it stands, is to limit the amount of light pollution.

What is Light Pollution?

Most of us are familiar with air, water, and land pollution, but did you know that light can also be a pollutant?

The inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light – known as light pollution – can have serious environmental consequences for humans, wildlife, and our climate. Components of light pollution include:

- Glare – excessive brightness that causes visual discomfort
- Skyglow – brightening of the night sky over inhabited areas
- Light trespass – light falling where it is not intended or needed
- Clutter – bright, confusing and excessive groupings of light sources

Less than 100 years ago, everyone could look up and see a spectacular starry night sky. Now, millions of children across the globe will never experience the Milky Way where they live. The increased and widespread use of artificial light at night is not only impairing our view of the universe, it is adversely affecting our environment, our safety, our energy consumption and our health.

I encourage you to check out the links that I have provided below for more information about the advantages of a dark sky.

<https://www.darksky.org/light-pollution/>

<https://www.darksky.org/light-pollution/wildlife/>

Thank you,

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I will make sure this email is included in the packets for the Commissioners to consider. Joining the meeting?
Thank you,
Maureen

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FYI. I should include it in the packets, I presume?
thanks

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