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To: Paul A. Croce, Chairman
Planning Board Members

From: Ron Wolanski, Town Planner

Date: May 4, 2021

Re: Town Council request that the Planning Board consider additional revisions to the proposed new Zoning Ordinance Article 27B- Outdoor Lighting

During its May 3rd meeting the Town Council requested additional Planning Board consideration of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment regarding outdoor lighting. During the public hearing concern was raised about the potential impact of the proposed regulations on single-family and two-family development. Specifically, the following concerns and recommendations were discussed:

- Concern was raised about the proposed limitations on residential outdoor lighting, particularly in the more rural areas of town with larger parcels. Large parcels or agricultural uses might require lighting that is not consistent with the proposed regulations.
- Council members suggested investigating the possibility of revising the draft to have requirements based on zoning designation.

The current draft of ordinance as approved by the Planning Board is attached. The Board should consider how it would like to address the above concerns. Following discussion, if necessary, a revised draft of the amendments should be forward to the Town Council for consideration.

Please contact me with any questions.

cc. Town Solicitor