

PLANNING BOARD
27 School Street
HILLSBOROUGH, NH
January 18, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: 02/01/23

MEMBERS: Susanne White- Chairperson, Melinda Gehris -Vice Chair, Adam Charrette, Ed Sauer, Steve Livingston, Nancy Egner

EX-OFFICIO: James Bailey III

PLANNING DIRECTOR: Robyn Payson

ALTERNATES: Kim Opperman, Dana Clow

Excused:

Public: No Public Present

Call to Order:

Chairperson Susanne White called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

01/04/2023 Melinda Gehris made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancy Egner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing-Zoning Article 14-Dark Skies Ordinance

Susanne White opened the public hearing on the Dark Skies Ordinance

Robyn Payson reviewed the changes made to the ordinance that made this second public hearing necessary. These changes included the establishment of a curfew that would require all non-essential lighting be extinguished or reduced by 30% by 11:00pm, an amortization date of March 14, 2033, updates to table F reducing Lighting Zone 2 from .3 FC and 3.0 LUX to .2 FC and 2.0 LUX, and amendments to the proposed lighting map that increases the lighting allowed in the proposed “Gateway” area from Low Ambient Lighting to Moderate Ambient Lighting.

Robyn Payson also proposed a minor change in wording that would not affect the substance of the ordinance which states “All outdoor Lumens shall be reduced by at least 30% or extinguished by 11:00pm.”

Kim Opperman asked if there was a provision that allowed for “special exceptions”?

Adam Charrette said there was lighting allowed by conditional use permit.

Kim Opperman said that the Board needed to be prepared to “sell” the ordinance.

There was discussion about public outreach.

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There being no further discussion Adam Charrette made a motion to Approve Article 14 in its final form and place it on the ballot for Town Meeting on March 14, 2023. Jim Bailey seconded the motion.

Nancy Egner made a motion to amend the motion to include the updating of the language of the ordinance to reflect the change proposed by Robyn Payson. Adam Charrette seconded the motion. Susanne White called for a vote on the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Susanne White opened the public hearing.

There being no public present Susanne White closed the public hearing.

Susanne White called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Steve Livingston voting no.

Robyn Payson distributed the updated zoning map that she made with the GIS program. This map will make several corrections to the current map.

Robyn Payson suggested that the Planning Board take advantage of a training opportunity that can be arranged with the New Hampshire Municipal Association. Not everyone is available to attend the regular trainings, and this would give the Board the opportunity to ask any questions to the attorney giving the presentation. Following discussion, the dates of April 5, 19, and May 3rd will be offered to the Municipal Association.

There being no other business Nancy Egner made a motion to adjourn. Melinda Gehris seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned 7:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Robyn L. Payson, Planning Director