



## **\*\* PROPOSED BYLAW \*\***

# **OUTDOOR LIGHTING FACT SHEET**

Planning Board is proposing a new bylaw to provide additional outdoor lighting regulations under [Bolton's Zoning Bylaw](#). Residents will have an opportunity to vote on this bylaw at Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 2020.

### **HERE'S WHAT TO KNOW...**

#### **What uses would be regulated by this bylaw?**

- Mostly business, commercial and industrial uses.

#### **Any exemptions?**

- Existing businesses, municipal properties, athletic fields, single-family and two-family homes, street/traffic lights and seasonal holiday lighting.

#### **How would outdoor lighting be regulated?**

- Prohibit color changing lights, static color lights, flickering or flashing lights, neon lights, mercury vapor lights, and search lights.
- Encourage energy efficient lamps.
- Eliminate light trespass onto any street or abutting land beyond 10 feet of property line.
- Require the submission of a photometric plan to demonstrate that light trespass does not occur beyond 10 ft. from property lines.
- Light fixtures would be full cutoff.
- Light fixtures attached to a pole would be restricted to a height of 20 feet above grade.
- Outdoor lighting would be shut off between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. with exception of limited security and safety lighting.

#### **What are some of the potential benefits?**

- To provide lighting that would complement the character of the Town, preserve the natural environment, enhance the night sky as a natural resource, minimize light trespass, diminish glare, and reduce energy consumption.

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