

Dark Skies Meeting Minutes, 2/25/2026

Present: Frank Clark, Buzz Constable, Sherry Haydock, Susan KatzSliski, Ginny Lemire, Craig Nicholson. Nonmember: Louise Bergeron.

The Committee discussed edits to the Dark Skies bylaws that occurred at the Select Board meeting on February 24. Recent revisions were reviewed, including definitions, allowable lumens per building and a 10 PM cut off for exterior lighting. Craig will complete and send out the revised final draft of the bylaws after incorporating notes that he received from Paula.

Upcoming Dark Skies meetings include Select Board meeting March 9, Public Hearing March 10, meeting with Con Com on the 11th, and Moderator Meeting on March 18th. Frank will work with Andrew Glass on a presentation to the Historical Commission. Sherry will contact Andrew and send him a copy of the finalized bylaws.

Buzz, Sherry, Louise, Craig, and Ken will meet to determine the information to be presented at Town Meeting. This will then be presented to the greater Dark Skies Committee for input and approval.

The Committee discussed community outreach efforts, which will include messaging through Lincoln Talk. Sherry will contact Alice Waugh and arrange a meeting to discuss an article for the Lincoln Squirrel. She will also publicize the Public Hearing on Lincoln Talk. Ken has been asked to set up a discussion at the First Paris Church. Susan will work with Kathleen Lomatoski to send out the lighting survey within the next week. Craig suggested putting together a focus group to review to the warrant article presentation prior to town meeting.

It was felt that endorsements from the Planning Board, Select Board, Conservation Commission, Common Ground, the Historical commission, the Save Lincoln Wildlife Group and the Agricultural Commission, would be of great benefit in passing the Bylaw at town meeting.

Sherry will will work with Louise to update the slide deck for the Public Hearing on March 10.

Craig will contact Brandon Kelly to follow up on lighting for the safety building. Louise reported that Jane Slade had provided Brandon with specifications for recommended lighting.

Ginny reported that occupancy for new construction at the Commons was held up but it was for reasons other than Dark Skies violations. She continues to attend committee meetings in support of Dark Skies compliance. Jon Metivier, the Lincoln Building Inspector is continuing to work with the Commons to resolve lighting issues.

The minutes for the February 11 meeting were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Haydock