



MEMORANDUM Town of Wellesley - Planning Department

To: Design Review Board

From: Ethan Parsons, Assistant Planning Director

Date: March 13, 2014

Re: Noise and Outdoor Lighting Study

As part of its work plan for FY15 and the remainder of FY14, the Planning Board will be conducting a Noise and Outdoor Lighting Study. Based on issues raised by residents and members of the Board, the Board has determined that it is necessary to study and analyze existing and anticipated uses of outdoor lighting and noise emitting uses/facilities/equipment in the Town, to determine existing and potential impacts to the health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors to the Town, and to make recommendations to address existing or potential issues, which may include recommended policies and amendments to the Town Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw.

To further this effort, on March 10 the Planning Board decided it would establish a Study Committee to execute the study, and has determined that a member of the Design Review Board should be included on the Committee. The Planning Board recognizes the important role your Board has in reviewing projects and values the DRB's input on issues that will likely be subject to your review. The Planning Board kindly requests that you appoint a member of your Board to the Study Committee. We anticipate that the commitment will be minimal, with no more than one meeting per month for approximately 4-6 months, beginning within a month or two.

Planning Staff is available to discuss the purpose of the project and study committee at one of your regularly scheduled meetings. In the meantime, please contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.