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**Minutes of the Town Planning Advisory Committee meeting held at Halcro Cottage, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7 pm, at which are present:**

Present: Deborah Woodhead, Councillor and Chairperson, Nicole Durand, Councillor  
Frank Hicks  
Martin Lechowicz  
Daren Legault  
Timothy Mathieu

Invited and present: Nathalie Lavoie, Director of Urban Planning

Convened and absent: Miriam Tabori

Invited and absent: Mayor Ed Prevost

**1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the regular Town Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were submitted to all members. It is **moved** and unanimously resolved that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

**Adopted unanimously**

**Request for New Item to be added to Agenda**

Item 3 : Discussion on Light Pollution By-law N<sup>o</sup> 617.

**Adopted unanimously**

**2. 462 Main Road: New sign**

**WHEREAS** an application has been received for a new sign at 462 Main Road;

**THEREFORE** it is **moved** and unanimously resolved that the Town Planning Advisory Committee **recommend** the approval of the new sign as submitted.

**Adopted unanimously**

**3. Discussion on Light Pollution By-law N<sup>o</sup> 617**

An informal discussion regarding this item took place whereupon it is suggested that a moving, swinging, revolving, flashing, animated sign or the like or any sign which has action, motion or colour change as any part of such sign which can be intrusive to the exterior be prohibited.

An outdoor lighting by-law should encourage responsible lighting to reduce glare, light trespass, and energy waste. It will also protect the night-time environment and preserve our heritage of beautiful night skies. Locations near natural and wildlife areas must consider the adverse impacts of night lighting, such as with migrating bird life and disruptions to the activities of nocturnal animals.

Although new lighting or replacement lighting installations can easily meet the new lighting standards, how do we deal with the large amount of bad lighting that already exists? Should the by-law exempt all existing lighting? Or should there be a time limit by which such lighting must be replaced, say five years? Perhaps a compromise is that compliance with new standards is required when a fixture needs to be replaced or when a property is renovated? The Town of Hudson should set a good example by committing to correct all of its bad lighting within 5 years.

**4. Termination of Meeting**

Having no other subjects to discuss, the meeting ends at 7:40 pm

Next meeting: January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016, 7 pm