



PRESENTATION TO THE TEMPLE PLANNING BOARD

February 16, 2021

Dear Planning Board Members, Abutters and Town's Folk,

Thank you for this opportunity to answer any questions you have about my new venture at the farm. I am very excited about all the good that it can bring to the town and to our Monadnock Region. I invite you to come visit and see for yourself what we are doing. It would be my pleasure to take you on a tour.

I wanted to summarize what we have already accomplished with the Planning Board to date and to finish addressing the remaining issue of lighting for the parking.

1. The Planning Board has inspected our drainage for the property and deemed it acceptable;
2. The Planning Board has inspected the amount of parking available and deemed it acceptable;
3. The Planning Board has asked that signage be installed this spring which designates an unobstructed 25-foot fire lane to the barn with no vehicles parked within 30 feet of the barn entrance for access to emergency vehicles. This sign will be placed in the entrance this spring when the ground thaws;
4. The Planning Board has agreed to the pathway lighting and the minimal sign lighting for three signs as proposed. (One at the fork and at the two farm entrances.) These signs are acceptable under the Dark Sky Ordinances of Temple. Links below.

Pathway Lighting

From Milford Electrical Supply and recommended by Claud Simard.

12 V Cast Mini Deck Light Textured Architectural Bronze lights. www.kichler.com/warranty.

Lights are 2.5" high and 4" wide. 12 V and point down with cover.

Solar Powered Sign Lighting

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07KMMTRHJ/ref=as_li_ss_tl?SubscriptionId=AKIAJO7E5OLQ67NVPFZA&ascsubtag=654223209-2-1820544803.1611062285&tag=shopperz_origin1-20

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5. The Planning Board has agreed to the existing light on three farm buildings that point downward. They too are acceptable under the Dark Sky Ordinances of Temple.

The remaining question about lighting is the parking area up by the Lodge. The lighting recommended by Claude Simard of Electrical Supply of Milford is not right at all! They make the area look like a parking lot at Walmart. It has been and remains fully my intention to have tasteful, low key lighting that preserves the rural feel of the farm, does not provide glare to any of our neighbors, and fulfills the Dark Sky Ordinances appropriately in place for Temple.

To come up with a better plan, I asked Wil Wildes to come to look at the area. He did so this past Saturday Feb. 13th. He recommended going back to Claude to ask for different lights. I did so this morning. He did not have any lesser recommendations.

Wil also recommended that I look on the internet to see what was available. The cut sheet for lighting that I sent you this morning evidently is still too powerful. Bill Ezel sent me the Outdoor lighting design specifics. My son Ian McDaniel and I spent the afternoon finding lights that are Dark Skies Certified. I hope you were able to look at the links that we sent out in an email this afternoon.

I propose that we work with Wil Wilde to install these lights when the ground thaws. We can see if 2 or 3 are satisfactory or if more need to be installed for guest safety.

I hope that this is acceptable to you as Planning Board members. We want this to be right for our neighbors, our guests and our town.

Thank you again for letting me present. I continue to be impressed at how hard you all work on behalf of Temple.

Respectfully submitted, Boo Martin

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