



FINAL PRESENTATION TO THE TEMPLE PLANNING BOARD

February 2, 2021

Thank you again for meeting with me on behalf of Stepping Stones Farm & Event Center.

As you requested, I have followed up to get information on the lighting for the parking area and the walk way between the Lodge and the Barn.

First, I called Willie Wilde who will be the electrician to install the parking lights. These surely need to be hard wired and appropriately buried in the ground. The power will come from the Indoor Arena where Wil also installed the Circuit Box when it was built.

He recommended that I meet with Claude Simard, the most experienced Lighting Designer of Electrical Supply of Milford. Mr. Simard could not have been more professional, nor could he have taken more interest in our project. He was well aware of Dark Sky Ordinances.

He came out on Sunday to see the site and to get the measurements. We focused on the parking area because that is essential for the safety of our guests. Please refer to the cut sheets that I sent via email this afternoon.

We also looked at the walkway to the barn from the lodge. He recommended the light fixture on a post. He also showed me another one that simply goes on the existing fence posts with a shade over it. I regret that he did not include a picture of that kind. Again, he encouraged us to not use the solar powered ones there either b/c they are not sufficiently reliable during inclement or cloudy weather.

I do think we will proceed with the solar lights that clip onto the three sign posts (one at the fork and two at the entrances). I sent the cut sheets in prior emails. They only light the actual signage. If the lighting on the signs is not so bright because it is overcast, that is not a dangerous situation for guests. Also, all three signs are far away from a power source so it is not reasonable to use traditional electric lighting.



Some day in the future, I would like to do soft warm white lighting of very low voltage on a few of the trees to provide ambiance. Of course, I commit to not making these blink or shine brightly!

I hope that I have satisfied your requirements. I would be happy to send you the final cut sheets once we make our decision with Willie's help.

Until then, thank you for helping us do a good job for our guests. I continue to be impressed by your diligence and hard work on behalf of our town.

Respectfully, Sincerely, Boo Martin

