

Simsbury Zoning Commission  
c/o David R. Ryan, Chair  
933 Hopmeadow Street  
Simsbury, CT 06070

Dear Commissioners,

As the impacts of artificial lighting on wildlife and humans become better known, as the increasing sky glow decreases our ability to appreciate the night sky, and as we become more aware of the need to use our energy resources efficiently, the Conservation Commission undertook a review what other towns in the State have done to regulate for dark skies.

The Conservation Commission proposes that the dark sky regulations already approved in Stamford and Newtown, CT and a compilation of their policy and regulations is attached. Our Commission thinks this document provides a good model for Simsbury's artificial lighting regulations.

We bring this to your attention as the Zoning Commission is tasked in the POCD (page 46 section 7.1.C.1) with Incorporating "dark skies" principles into the Simsbury Zoning Regulations.

Please do not hesitate to let us know how the Conservation Commission may be of assistance for these or other issues that affect our two Commissions.

Sincerely,

Margery Winters, Chair

Jason Levy, Vice Chair

Joseph Camolieta, Secretary

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Andrew Bade

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Kyle Testerman, Alternate

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