

Please read into your Board minutes —

Esteemed WT Board Members:

We are losing our night sky.

Birds, bats, insects, nocturnal creatures of all kinds depend on a dark sky for their night.

The beauty of the moon and the majesty of the stars requires a black backdrop to reveal their radiance. A dark sky is inherent to rural life.

With increased construction comes increased light pollution in our town. Contemporary design relies heavily on lavish windows, sliding glass doors, lit pathways, lit porches and very polluting skylights all of which beam light up and out into our skies. In our contemporary lifestyle, we are less and less apt to turn off lights at night, especially when solar panels are **installed that** reduce the cost of electricity. Each illuminated light in our town decreases darkness detrimentally for our wildlife, our town and for our neighbors.

Please take this into consideration when asked to approve new construction. Please especially consider this when asked to approve oversized houses and the extra windows they require.

Sincerely,

Harriet Bernstein