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TO: The WT Board of Selectpersons

RE: WT light pollution; flags

Martha's Vineyard is an important land mass for the protection of migrating birds (see article below). It also serves the population of moths and bats. Light pollution gravely limits this protection.

Two very bright nighttime lights light the parking area at Town Hall. Can these be dimmed or preferably turned off at night?

And can the Selectpersons mention to the operators at Alley's that their nighttime Christmas lights are a hazard to our natural environment?

I agree with Skipper that the town risks becoming too commercial. Do you agree that the very large flags outside Alley's resemble a used car lot more than a sleepy rural town center? I find them very loud for our town that has strict restrictions on signage.

Perhaps the BOS can address these concerns.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Harriet