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Regarding:

John Colonna-Romano referenced a previous discussion around exterior lighting and noted a product that attaches to a flagpole and illuminates a flag at night, based on solar power collected during the day. He questioned if this would adhere to the interpretation of the current lighting bylaw. The Board agreed to discuss further as part of the work plan review.

The lighting (zoning) bylaws do not reference the power source. The particularly relevant sections would be:

if over 2000 lumens must be full cutoff

spotlights/floodlights must be aimed 45 degrees below horizontal

If the light is at the top of the flagpole and aimed down at the flag, I see no issues with the current bylaw. A light on the ground aimed up is noncompliant by a straightforward reading. The point of that section is to prohibit shining light up into the sky.

That said, I have certainly seen some amount of noncompliant lighting, but the nature of zoning is that it is only enforced based on a complaint.

Greg