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Subject: [stowma] Lighting at Stow Acres (Sent by Rick Lent , rickmlent@gmail.com)

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Message:

I strongly urge the ZBA to deny the bylaw variance requests to install any exterior lighting on the driving range AND the extension of operating hours beyond what is currently permitted. The requests are contrary to the intent of the bylaws that protect the residential district from commercial expansion beyond the daytime activity of golf. But perhaps more important, the night time lighting will have a serious impact on insects and other life. (Research citations at the end of this note.)

The Sierra Club recently summarized the research: Urban Lighting disrupts rural insects:
<https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/new-study-shows-urban-lighting-disrupt...>

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