Lincoln Planning Board Lighting Guidelines

1. Exterior lighting on structures will be allowed only where required by the Massachusetts Building Code or where the Planning Board determines that lighting is needed to enhance safety of occupants or visitors.

2. Exterior lighting of structures or landscape for architectural or aesthetic effect is not permitted.

3. Driveway lighting will not be allowed; however, lighting in parking areas and walkways adjacent to a home may be allowed. Such lighting should be mounted no more than 3 feet above finished grade.

4. To identify street numbers, reflective numbers on mailboxes are preferred. In unusual circumstances, the Planning Board may allow lighting of street numbers placed on the exterior of a residence or on a plaque or bollard placed near the street.

5. All exterior lighting shall consist only of fully shielded light fixtures and be so installed as to prevent direct light or glare from the light source from interfering with the vision of motorists or pedestrians passing in the street or streets abutting the premises and as to prevent direct light or glare from illuminating neighboring properties.

6. Individual light fixtures shall not exceed 900 lumens.

7. All exterior LED lamps shall have a Correlated Color Temperature (CCT) value of 3000K or below.

8. The Planning Board may allow lighting that deviates from these standards if, in its judgment, unusual circumstances justify such a deviation.

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The glare from an unshielded light creates deep shadows.

The glare from the light hid a possible attacker.