

## ROCC Committee Report

**Committee: Dark Sky**

**Date: Mar 25, 2021**

**Topic: Committee Report**

### **Background:**

- RACC updated Ridgway Chamber of Commerce site to include Dark Sky promotion (after bringing attention to the issue to Ridgway Town Council Feb 2021 meeting)
- TOP BOD planning to submit IDA application in midsummer for certification as Dark SkyPark under leadership of Dark Sky Committee
- Planning Meeting held with Town Manager, SMPA, and ROCC DS Committee agreeing to tasks and schedule to prepare and submit first IDA report due end of Sept. (This is a requirement to maintain Ridgway Dark Sky certification)
- Jointly developed proposal presented to Susan Lacy and RSS principal that would help RSS improve exterior lighting and bring into ordinance compliance

### **Issues:**

- Ridgway Area Schools (RSS) has delayed action on their non-compliant exterior lighting issue – low priority according to RSS and significant budget shortfall.

### **Possible Action Options:**

- Give RSS more time to resolve other issues such as COVID mitigation efforts
- Remind RSS leadership of issue in April?
- Take issue to School Board?
- In near future may be asking ROCC Executive Committee additional DS committee budget allocation or grant request on the behalf of RSS to provide for Hi Priority RSS lighting retrofits (2-3 building lights/fixtures that are non-compliant – expect to be less than \$1000)

### **Recommended Action** (in the form of a motion if necessary):

TBD at this point in time.