

## **OPERATION OF TOWER LIGHTING FOR PROCTOR FIELD**

The School Committee believes that healthy benefits will flow to students, parents and townspeople because of the use of tower lighting at Proctor Field. The upgraded lighting system that was installed in 2017 is more energy efficient and allows for multiple levels of lighting intensity, depending on the use case. The new system should result in less glare and light “spill” beyond Proctor Field. Nevertheless, the Committee is also aware of the Schools’ need to be a good neighbor to abutting landowners. Therefore, it adopts the following restrictions regarding tower lighting use:

### RESTRICTIONS

1. The number of tower illumination uses shall not be limited, however the School Committee expects that there will be no more than 25 games or events per year where spectators are present. The School Committee expects that the lights will be used during the late afternoon and early evening hours for practices and games, as needed. The School Committee also expects that the lowest level of tower lighting will be used to accommodate community use of the track for running and jogging during the early morning and evening hours.
2. Except during urgent or unforeseen circumstances, tower lights shall not be illuminated beyond 10:30pm, however in all instances they shall be turned off at the earliest time practicable.
3. Recognizing the differing spectator interests for each sport, the Superintendent and Athletic Director shall determine whether one or more police officers shall be detailed for each lighting event.
4. Consistent with Police Department policy, police officers detailed for illuminated events shall be requested to ban parking on all pertinent areas of South Avenue (Route 30), High Meadow Road and Wellesley Street.
5. Tower illumination uses shall take place primarily for:
  - a. interscholastic or intramural events involving Weston Public Schools.
  - b. events involving Weston youth sporting groups, such as soccer and lacrosse.
  - c. low level lighting of the track for recreational use by Weston residents.

The School Committee reserves the right to approve tower illumination for events that do not meet these criteria.

6. Costs of operation of the tower lights as well as costs created by extraordinary police detailing, trash removal and grounds maintenance for events not involving Weston Public Schools interscholastic or intramural events shall be paid for by sources outside the school budget. The School Committee shall adopt a field use policy outlining a fee structure for tower illumination use by non-school groups.

7. Compressed air horns are not allowed at night-time events and actions will be taken as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent or the Athletic Director to discourage their use.
8. Complaints bearing upon the implementation of this policy shall be addressed to and by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee, but the School Committee recognizes its ultimate responsibility for the policy design.

Adopted: November 21, 2011

Revised, Adopted March 26, 2018