

Town of Kennebunk

NOTES (Summary Highlights & Decisions)

Energy Efficiency Committee Meeting – via ZOOM

February 10, 2021: 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Present: Staz, N&M Bartenhagen, Negley, Rist, Wolfson, Dater.

MINUTES: January 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes approved.

LED STREET LIGHTS CONVERSION. Major discussion topics:

- The Select board (SB) does not know for certain who owns the streetlights – the Town or KLPD.
- The SB Chair, Town Manager and engineer will meet with KLPD on the matter.
- The SB Chair questions the appropriateness of the IDA lighting protocols referenced in the Town Street Light Policies.
- At the February 9th SB meeting, Selectmen Karytko and Shulte reviewed the benefits of referencing the IDA lighting guidelines.
- Staz will contact the SB on having a joint meeting consisting of four SB and staff, two EEC representatives with the KLPD over the LED conversion project.
- Staz is going to try to develop a history of the Town’s streetlights from 1893 to 1951 to the 1994 writing of the original Street Light Policies and the cooperation between the Town, the Street Light Committee and KLPD up to 1998. As General Manager of KLPD from 1998 to 2016, Staz knows the history first-hand. She will submit the history to the SB.
- After the February 9th SB meeting, Dater submitted to Selectmen Karytko and Shulte the Five IDA Principles of Good Street Lighting and the Maine State Statute removing municipal liability for street lighting – Karytko subsequently forwarded the information to other SB members.
- It seems the work of EEC, the Comprehensive Plan and Conservation Committees is being discounted by the SB, Town Staff and KLPD.
- The KLPD is scattering EOL, possibly other, LED lights around town with no collaboration from the Town or EEC. These lights lesser electricity cost is still being charged at the higher rate of the replaced HPS lights. There seems to be no policy direction.

STREET LIGHT ADJUSTMENT REQUEST.

- There has been no shielding by KLPD so far from EEC’s January 13th request to shield the new (EOL) LED light on pole 20, Fletcher Street across from the residence at 53 Fletcher St., who complained about light trespass onto his private property from the new light. The previous HPS light was shielded in 2006 by the KLPD due to a similar request.
- The EEC would look favorably on KLPD’s offer to remove the light altogether and install elsewhere as this could advance EEC’s recommendation for illuminating the Round-About.

MAYORS’ CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES.

KLPD appears uninterested in pursuing location of additional solar arrays in town.

NEXT MEETING. By ZOOM on February 25th at 3:30 PM.