

Town of Kennebunk

NOTES (Summary Highlights & Decisions)

Energy Efficiency Committee Meeting – via ZOOM

June 23, 2021: 3:30 – 4:00 PM

Present: Staz, M&N Bartenhagen, Dater.

LED STREET LIGHT CONVERSION. Staz has sent her research document on the history of Street light Committee/Energy Efficiency Committee to Blake Baldwin, SB Chair. The conversion project appears to be stalled at this time with the SB or Town Staff.

PROBLEM LIGHT AT FLETCHER ST. ROUND-ABOUT. No action by KLPD on installing a shield to control for light trespass onto abutting property at 53 Fletcher Street. M. Bartenhagen reported a meeting with Jonathon Carter, former Wells Town Manager, on a similar problem with KLPD on no action on request to replace KLPD lights in Wells. After attempting for a year, Wells finally purchased and installed its own lights.

STATE LEGISLATION. State Representatives Babbidge and Rafferty attended recent SB meeting to discuss recent bills affecting municipalities. LD 677, employee rights to go to arbitration on matters of pay, benefits and other employment matters was met with disfavor by the SB Chair and Town Manager. LD 1708, for a statewide consumer owned electricity grid for the state was also met with disfavor by the SB Chair and Town Manager. There will be three more legislative sessions on these bills; MMA is neutral on these bills. The details of these bills have been worked out by a committee over four years.

OTHER. There is a meeting scheduled between the SMRPC, Wells Reserve and regional towns on listing of environmental issues to be pursued cooperatively.

NEXT MEETING. July 14th at 3:30 via ZOOM.