

MINUTES

Kennebunk Street Light Committee

MEETING at 6 PM

January 23, 2013

PRESENT: Mike Wentworth, Sharon Staz, Anthony Dater

ABSENT: Ron Newton, Scott Negley

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee members in attendance discussed the potential merger of the Street Light Committee and the Energy Efficiency Committee as proposed in the recently submitted Maine Downtown Center Report that the Selectmen presented at their workshop on January 15.

The discussion came to the following conclusions. Because the the Street Light and Energy Committees both deal with aspects of energy efficiency and pollution control there are is considerable mutuality of overlapping interests between the two. With respect to street lights specifically, while the Energy Committee would likely concentrate primarily on energy savings from new technologies, the Street Light Committee would also be concerned with locational issues, glare control and other quality of life aspects of the lighting

Because the Street Light Committee has a specific responsibility to review for the Selectmen all applications for new or removal street lights and submit its recommendation back, this is a specific function that should be preserved in a merged Energy/Street Light Committee. The Street Light Committee is guided by standards in its adopted Street Light Policy, approved by the Selectmen, that it follows in reviewing street light applications. So if a designated Street Light Sub-Committee could be preserved within a merged Committee, available to attend to its responsibilities in producing reviews of applications from the Selectmen, then this arrangement could work. There is a lot of synergy between the Street Light and Energy Efficiency Committee and both could attend a monthly meeting to the benefit of both areas of interest.

The consensus was to request the Energy Efficiency Committee to place the street Light Committee on its agenda for the February 13, 2013 meeting to discuss further the possibility of a merger and the mutual recommendation both Committees might make to the Selectmen on this matter.