

MINUTES

Kennebunk Street Light Committee

6 PM, August 22, 2013

PRESENT: Mike Wentworth, Scott Negley, Anthony Dater

ABSENT: Sharon Staz (ex officio), Kevin Donovan (ex officio)

ATTENDEE: William Tekelenburg

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 23, February 13, March 6 and April 10, 2013 meetings were approved as written.

2. TEKELBURG STREET LIGHT APPLICATION - 132 Cole Road

MOTION (Dater/Wentworth): The application is denied (unanimously) for the following reasons:

Cole Road is a rural road under the Street Light Policies and therefore is normally only supplied town street lights at intersections, at sharp curves or at hilltops. None of these conditions prevail at or near the proposed site. Pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists along the straight stretch fronting the Tekelenburg property can see street lights a long distance ahead before a curve one way and a hilltop the other. While it is dark at the Tekelenburg driveway entrance and across Cole Road at the wooded Kennebunk Land Trust entrance, there is no direct public safety impacts on the traveling public on Cole Road per se. While there may be nuisance use by the public of the Land Trust entrance at night or early in the morning, this is more properly a Police matter. While safety of the Tekelenburg home's residents is noted, the Town Street Light Policies specifically exclude tax payer financed street lights for private property security. Property owners are free to contact the KLPD (Kennebunk Light & Power District) to have their own street light installed so long as all the Town's glare control requirements are met to not diminish pedestrian, bicyclist or motorist safe travel on the roadway. Or property owners can install their own post light(s) on their driveways. It is recommended that the Tekelenburgs contact the Land Trust to voice their concerns, who might consider a gate or signage at their entrance to discourage unauthorized use of their property during off-hours.

3. SPICER STREET LIGHT APPLICATION - 432 Alfred Road

MOTION (Wentworth/ Negley): The application is denied (unanimously) for the following reasons:

Same reasoning as for the Cole Road application. Alfred Road at present is a rural road under the Street Light Policies (although it may in the future become more densely developed) and therefore is normally only supplied town street lights at intersections, at sharp curves or at hilltops. None of these conditions presently occur at or near the proposed site. Pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists along the straight stretch fronting the Spicer property can see street lights a distance ahead before curves obstruct visibility. While it is dark at the Spicer driveway entrance and across Alfred Road due wooded land, there is no direct public safety

impacts on the traveling public on this stretch of Alfred Road per se. While there may be nuisance use by the public of the Spicer's driveway and land at night, this is more properly a Police matter. While safety of the Spicer home's residents is noted, the Town Street Light Policies specifically exclude tax payer financed street lights for private property security. Property owners are free to contact the KLPD (Kennebunk Light & Power District) to have their own street light installed so long as all the Town's glare control requirements are met to not diminish pedestrian, bicyclist or motorist safe travel on the roadway. Or property owners can install their own post light(s) on their driveways.

If in the future land on or adjacent to the Spicer property becomes developed such that the Street Light Policy of three or more residents are clustered within 100 feet of each other, then the Policies would allow for a town street light. It is noted that at present the Spicer driveway only serves one residence, not three as some nearby multi-use driveways which have town street lights at their intersection with Alfred Road.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned about 6:50 PM.