

TOWN OF LYNDEBOROUGH
STREET LIGHT STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Citizens' Hall

Committee Membership: Chair Steve Brown, Vice Chair Andy Roeper, Greg Kreider, Rick McQuade (BOS), John Pomer, Charlie Post, Bob Rogers (Planning Board), Stephanie Roper (Heritage).

I. Call to Order: Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 7:09

II. Introduction of Members Present: Steve Brown, Greg Kreider^(7:45), John Pomer, Charlie Post, Bob Rogers, Stephanie Roper^(7:40) – T/A Boland^(7:55)

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Decision Making Actions:

a. Old/Tabled Business: None

b. New Business:

i. Review and Approval of 10/01/2018 Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made Bob Rogers to accept the minutes as amended; Seconded by Charlie Post. Voting: All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

ii. Review Outline of Detailed Report

Chair Brown provided copies of the draft report as amended at the last meeting. The Committee reviewed the documents, it was by Bob Rogers that the dash be removed before the dollar sign and Mr. Pomer suggested using approximately instead. John Pomer questioned whether the information on the historic lights is included in this or done separately. The Chair will speak to T/A Boland in this regard. Changes to the GIS map will show where the lights will be with an arrow indicating new lights that were added and the elevation lines will be removed. Chair Brown stated that this is not a before or after but is what the street lights will look like if the recommendations are adopted by the Town. Mr. Post indicated that the ROI needs to be improved for the more expensive lights, what was not included in the math for the savings Eversource's 18% increase on electric rates. Bob Rogers suggested that a Committee member bring up the issue of the increase rate at the Town Meeting adding by saying the savings will be even greater because of Eversource's increase. Mr. Pomer questioned what the savings are and that it should be incorporated into the document. Chair Brown indicated that they looked at it in dollars not watts, and that it was \$3200 and \$3700 respectively, which is a decrease in 66% and indicated we are going three times as bright for a quarter of the lumens. Chair Brown some of this information could be done with a script rather than in the document. Stephanie Roper informed the Committee that the ornamental fixtures she has seen in over twelve towns have all been on their own ornamental poles and felt that is would not look the same up on a telephone pole and felt the logistics are an issue. Mr. Post was concerned that the ornamental fixtures would not fit on the existing brackets but that if we have to purchase four brackets anyway for the new lights, this would be five. Mr. Rogers suggested that the Committee not complicate the issue with extensive details and that voters' tend to approve things that are uncomplicated and straight forward. Mr. Rogers brought up going with the 1930/40s crinkled style; Mr. Brown suggested the possibility of having them retrofitted. Ms. Roper stated that we have two of those fixtures that would go up on the easily on the poles, would be less expensive. One of the vendors mentioned this and may still be available.

51 T/A Boland responded that he was unsure whether they could include color copies of the map in the
52 Town Report. Ms. Roper indicated if the Committee provides the details for what the map should
53 look like, her husband could do a clean black and white copy. Chair Brown indicated the map
54 should show how the map would look if adopted with the removal of the red dots and the addition of
55 the arrows indicating where new lights were added.
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57 Chair Brown addressed the option with T/A Boland for putting additional historic lighting into the
58 short report or adding a tag line to the report saying “at the time of this writing we are looking at) or
59 whether we just bring it up at Town Meeting. The other option is to put it in the long report. T/A
60 Boland suggested all options are good, but thinks the greater concern is the cost of the ornamental
61 lighting which could be accomplished as an amendment on the Town Meeting floor or you can put in
62 all the funds and it can be brought down. T/A Boland questioned the cost and the ROI is so good
63 that he wouldn’t discount the ornamental lights even from a value and esthetics. Chair Brown
64 indicated that ornamental lighting may not look good on telephone poles and the increased expense
65 of adding ornament poles. T/A Boland felt that people will get used to the look of the space-age
66 lights. The consensus was that people would get used to the lighting. Ms. Roper the information
67 on the ornamental lighting should be on the long report and brought up at the Town Meeting with the
68 cost analysis along with the details. Mr. Kreider questioned the wording of the warrant article and
69 suggested that it could say “spending up to” and felt that an extra \$5-10K isn’t going make much of
70 an issue.
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72 Chair Brown asked for “due date” target and T/A Boland replied December 1st and answered yes to
73 Mr. Post’s question if the warrant article had to be looked at by a lawyer which will be in February.
74 Chair Brown will update the short report and will email to T/A Boland. Stephanie will get a clean
75 copy of the map. John Pomer will obtain information on historical lighting including costs. Chair
76 Brown questioned the Committee on how they wanted to proceed for the full report, Bob Rogers
77 suggested that Chair Brown complete and email the draft to Committee members for review and
78 revisions. Greg Kreider felt that the Committee should have a greater role in the preparation of the
79 full report. Chair Brow agreed to review the outline and send appropriate sections to Committee
80 members to be written.
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82 **c. Items not on Agenda:**

83 Chair Brown began the discussion with an overview of the Street Light Study Committee’s
84 recommendation to the Board of Selectman, all three selectman and T/A Boland and Jesse Salisbury
85 were present on October 24, 2018. Chair Brown, Vice Chair Andy Roper and member Greg Kreider
86 were present at the meeting. Chair Brow presented information from the power point presentation and
87 walk through the process and the give and take that this Committee has done. They discussed the
88 recommendation of the Committee in terms of dropping the number of street lights from 20 to 9. We
89 reviewed the cost benefit analysis which is now in the new short report. Of note is that we had talked
90 about historic lights and the greater cost on it with approximately \$600 to \$800 per light fixture. In that
91 context, the own might be interested in doing something like that. Selectman Douglas expressed that the
92 Town might go for something like that. If it is something we do or whether it comes out of the next
93 phase of this. John Pomer expressed that having nice lights was one of his ideas and expressed that it
94 would be nice to have something more picturesque in this rural environment to make Lyndeborough
95 unique. The Committee discussed the cost, Charlie Post indicated that it would be approximately
96 another \$1000 with an additional year to 14 months or so pays back, he will do the calculations. Mr.
97 Pomer added that it could just be for the “main street” area. The Committee discussed presenting a two-
98 part warrant article as an option for the historic street lights for Town Meeting. Chair Brown told the
99 Board of selectman that the Committee would speak at the Town Meeting and would put together a
100 handout for people to read in addition to poster boards. He reported that Selectman Douglas suggested

101 taking pictures of the historic lights in the towns as people relate better to a picture rather than the cut
102 sheet. Chair Brown indicated that the either a single two-part warrant article or it can be two separate
103 warrant articles. Charlie Post suggested that you would not need all nine lights to be historic, and that
104 the one at Center Road could be a standard fixture. There was a discussion that historic fixtures would
105 have to comply with the Eversource standards to receive the \$100 per-fixture rebate; in addition, rural
106 character lighting should also conform to full cut-off to contain the spray of light. Chair Brown discussed
107 modifying the short report to reflect the possibility of historical lighting. Bob Rogers suggested that
108 procedurally you could either have a separate warrant article to appropriate the extra money for the
109 fancier lights or you could have it worked out with the moderator that the budget would be amended “X”
110 number of dollars to provide these fixtures with a detailed explanation and the Town could then vote to
111 spend the extra money. Chair Brown indicated that Mr. Douglas’s point was to not restrict us to the
112 modern fixtures and let the Town make the decision. Mr. Post questioned if the ornamental lights in
113 Dublin are their own poles. The discussion of revolved around that and it was believed that those are on
114 their own poles. Mr. Rogers indicated that putting up individual poles for lighting gets very complicated
115 and it was pointed out that lights not on Eversource poles would not be in the rebate program. There was
116 a discussion of how many quaint lights would be reasonable. Chair Brown indicated that the three near
117 the fire department and Center Hall don’t make sense. Three in the Village proper would make sense;
118 the next one is in front of Central School. Mr. Pomer suggested including the light at Route 31 and
119 Center Road as it is the main street area of Lyndeborough. Chair Brown indicated that the lighting we
120 discussed to date is designed to broadcast in a fairly broad fashion and said the historic lighting should
121 have those same qualities. There was a discussion of lighting being the same for consistency and
122 maintenance and would have to consider picking up a spare light which brings the lights to 10 if all the
123 lights were the same which is approximately a \$4000 swing. Mr. Pomer questioned if the life span of 20-
124 30 years would be the same for the historic lights but thought it would have all the same electronics as
125 the modern light fixture and that if they last, it would be worth it. The Committee decided that they will
126 bring style options to the Board of Selectman for their consideration and that John Pomer will gather the
127 information to present to them. Chair Brown will take pictures of the lights that we currently have and
128 will take pictures of the lights in Dublin to present to the Town Meeting. Chair Brown relayed the Board
129 of Selectman’s gratitude for the thorough work of the Committee.

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131 The next meeting will be on Monday, November 19, 2018

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133 **V. Department Head Reports: None**

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135 **VI. Adjournment: 8:11 p.m.**

136 *A Motion was made by Bob Rogers to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Charlie Post. Voting: All in favor.*
137 *Motion passed 7-0.*

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139 *Respectfully Submitted,*
140 *Lisa Post*