

**TOWN OF LYNDEBOROUGH
STREET LIGHT STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Citizens' Hall**

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

- I. Call to Order:** Vice Chair Roper called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.
- II. Introduction of Members Present:** Steve Brown (7:40), Andy Roper, Rick McQuade, John Pomer, Charlie Post, Stephanie Roper, Lisa Post, Secretary.
- III. Public Comment:** None
- IV. Decision Making Actions:**

- a. Old/Tabled Business:** None
- b. Review and Approval of 08/27/2018 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion was made by Vice Chair Roper to accept the minutes as amended; Seconded by John Pomer. Voting: All in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

c. Items not on the Agenda:

Vice Chair Roper opened the floor for discussion of the preparation of the Town Report. Charlie Post suggested that we assemble the rough costs and determine the return on investment time frame. Vice Chair Roper added we are able to estimate fixture costs at this point but will need a contractor to give a cost estimate on the poles as some might be more expensive than others as arms may need to be replaced or different sizes are needed and situations may be different as well, i.e. Route 31 and Center is a new light, the pole by the Flag will be subject to an assessment of the wires by a vendor.

During election night a citizen requested additional lighting on the west side of citizen hall in the Handicapped parking area. It was suggested a pole be added in the southeast corner of the parking lot as well. Rick McQuade brought up the lighting at the Highway Garage. T/A Boland indicated there are lights on the building and three existing poles and expressed it would be added security to add lighting there. It was questioned by Stephanie Roper if it was in the Committee's purview to recommend lighting on Town Property. It was determined that it would be more cost effective to do the Street Lights and Town Property lighting at the same time if the costs are broken down separately and an addendum is added to the Town Report with the Committee's recommendations. Rick McQuade questioned the cost of adding a new a pole. It was determined this information needs to be obtained from Eversource and/or a vendor. The selling of the antique fixtures was brought up as a possible cost savings.

John Pomer questioned how to address if a person wants to keep a light in place. Rick McQuade did not believe that Eversource would contract with a private individual to keep a street light. Stephanie Roper felt the person that brought this up at the community discussion was concerned mainly about safety and recommended that safety considerations are incorporated into the Town Report. Vice Chair Roper commented that the Committee has a good idea of fixture costs but only a rough numbers of contractor costs. T/A Boland stated if the cost was small enough the Selectman may put it in the operating budget rather than in a warrant article. Vice Chair Roper offered that a rough estimate of \$500 a fixture would cover all the costs and added the only addition of a pole is on municipal property which is a separate issue that the Town can address to get the best use of the contractor. T/A Boland questioned the hesitancy to add lighting on the building. Mr. Roper replied the visual integrity of a historic building cannot be compromised although a light could be added on the back wall. However, he recommended a pole in the southwest wedged-shaped corner of the parking area and the pole would not have to be an 80 foot pole. Greg Kreider questioned the lights for the parking area to which Vice Chair Roper replied that an extra wide pattern rather than several fixtures would be appropriate for the area. T/A Boland suggested a warrant article be presented and discussed instead of adding it in the budget. The Committee felt it should be in two

warrant articles, T/A Boland replied that the Municipal portion could be justified by putting it in the operating budget under safety.

T/A Boland stated that Monday, October 15 is the target date for the report to the Selectman in response to Chair Brown's question. T/A Boland questioned if the Committee would object to rolling it all into one warrant article. After discussion, Vice Chair Roeper added that the report will provide support for a warrant article and to add a paragraph at the end of the report saying that "although it is beyond our charter we note the following," and the Selectman could put it in one warrant article and the merits of that were discussed.

Chair Brown thought the Highway Department is part of the same rebate program and T/A Boland confirmed. The fixture on the police garage was questioned and discussed that without poles in place there would be no rebates and did not support the added cost to change lighting at that location. T/A Boland was concerned about the expense of the two sodium fixtures on the Quonset Hut as the cost fluctuates throughout the year from \$40 in July to \$600-\$800 in January. The Committee discussed replacing the lights with LEDs and T/A Boland indicated a garage door will be installed on the building. There was a discussion on local communities switching to solar lighting.

Rick McQuade expressed his support for a warrant article and felt it was important to keep it separate unless it included a pole. He felt if it was linked to a pole, putting a light on it would be justified. The other two smaller lights could fall into the operating budget and stated that "in truth we do not have to do anything." He felt that it should go to the people to be decided.

Chair Brown will email a draft of the report to Committee members for review and comments. Rick McQuade questioned if it would be appropriate to have one last meeting to review information. Chair Brown confirmed the next meeting date is Monday, October 1 and requested adding "Review of Information to Date and Review of Draft of Town Report" to the Agenda. The plan is to submit the Report to the Selectman no later than October 15, 2018.

V. Department Heads Report: None

VI. Adjournment: 7:56 p.m.

A Motion was made by Andy Roeper to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by John Pomer. All in favor. Voting: 7-0

**Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa C.M. Post, Secretary**

Next Meeting: Monday, October 1, 2018 at Citizens' Hall 7:00 p.m.