

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes – Public Hearing on Replacing Streetlights October 7, 2019

7:30 PM Esposito opened the public hearing for replacing our street lights with more energy efficient bulbs.

David Brooks explained that an informal group got together in Town. This "Sustainability Group" found that some of our incandescent street lights date back to 1947. LED is the new technology, and will save the Town approximately \$3,000 per year. Affinity is the company that has switched out all of the local towns. The cost of approximately \$6,000 will be paid for by the Trustees of the Trust Funds using the Scenderian #4 Trust.

Allyson Miller said that the savings would be immediate since the Trustees of Trust Funds would be paying for the conversion. This is a good use of funds increasing efficiency and will be better for the environment.

Brooks explained that Affinity makes 2 different lights: 1) A 4,000 kelvin light that the Town of Milford used on Route 13 and 101A. It is a bright white light and too much for Mont Vernon. 2) A 3,000 kelvin light that is much softer, and what we would use. There are 33 lights and one that would be turned around. This could happen sometime in the next few months.

Esposito considers it a "No Brainer".

Jeff Naber asked if the incandescent and the sodium lights would be switched out.

Brooks said: yes, all of them. They will probably appear a bit brighter, but will be a pool of light rather than diffused over a large area.

Miller said that any lower than 3,000k would need a yellow filter added that would increase the wattage and would defeat the purpose.

Esposito asked if Brooks could have them look at the lights at the Transfer Station while they are in Town.

Spencer Lovette asked if there were no up-front cost, is there any back-end cost to the Town, and what is the warrantee.

Brooks said that there would be no back-end cost, and the warrantee is 10 years.

Lovette remarked that LED lights seem to have premature failure.

Naber asked about removing unnecessary lights like the one at Smith and Boutwell.

Brooks said that we could turn some off if we wanted to.

Lovette thought that maybe we could reposition some lights.

Eileen Naber asked if any would be added.

Brooks responded no, and added that the 33 being replaced does not affect the school nor the transfer station.

7:50 PM End of Public Hearing.

Berry motioned, seconded by Roberge to replace 33 streetlights with LED models. All in favor.