

POLICY TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF STREET LIGHTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide consistent criteria when determining the location of current and future street lights. The policy will consider the level of safety for vehicular and pedestrian traffic provided by the lights, the amount and cost of energy used and the impact of lights on the built and natural environment.

CRITERIA

In general, street lights will be located at intersections of Town streets with major collector roads such as Spear Street and Harbor Road and at all intersections of Town streets and roads with Route 7. Private drives with more than 10 homes will also qualify to have a street light located at similar intersections. Within residential developments, street lights will be located at those intersections serving above average amounts of traffic compared to most similar intersections.

Street lights may be located where it is determined that sufficient hazards exist to vehicular and pedestrian traffic due to permanent roadway structures such as bridges or roadway geometry and reflectorized warnings are deemed inadequate.

In neighborhoods where there is underground service, the Town will not be responsible for the installation of street lights but will consider paying for the operational costs for approved lights installed at the expense of the neighborhood or other private entity and in conformance with this policy

Light fixtures will also be located in a generally every other pole configuration along Falls Road, Marsett Road, Church Street, Harbor Road to School Street and Route 7 from Citizen's Bank to Bostwick/Marsett Road. Implementation of The Village Streetscape Plan may result in the installation of decorative lighting within portions of the Village District.

In those neighborhoods that have "Town and Country" decorative streetlights, the Town will work with Green Mountain Power to convert the lamps in each fixture to the most efficient available and will remove those lights that do not conform to this policy.

APPLICATION FOR THE ADDITION OR REMOVAL OF STREET LIGHTS

An individual or neighborhood organization may submit a written request for the installation or removal of a street light. The request shall be to the Town Manager and indicate the reason for the addition/removal and the location by street and pole number. The request will be considered according to the approved criteria and a response given within 14 days of receipt.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR STREET LIGHTS

Specifications for the type and lumen output of fixtures will be contained in the Town of Shelburne Public Works Specifications.

Adopted this 26th day of January, 2010.

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