

## **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 may be considered at intersections along secondary collector roads that tie directly into major collector roads, if requested by individuals or neighborhoods as outlined below under the paragraph on application for the addition or removal of street lights.

The request will be considered with respect to traffic and pedestrian volume, a comparison of nighttime versus daytime accident rate, presence of sidewalks, proximity to school and public transportation routes, and other pertinent data for a specific location or similar location.

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.

Street lights may be located at entrances to Town facilities that have night time operations.

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.

### **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 Selectboard, and indicate the reason for the addition/removal and the location by street and pole number. Upon such receipt, the Selectboard shall place the matter on an agenda for an upcoming meeting, the timing of which shall be at its sole discretion.

If a neighborhood wishes to apply for street lights that do not qualify for installation as specified in this policy, the neighborhood must form an association as a legal entity and apply to the Town for streetlights at specific locations in their neighborhood.

In neighborhoods served by above ground electrical service, upon approval by the Town, the association may contract directly with Green Mountain Power Company (GMP) for the installation of streetlights on existing poles. The association would then be billed directly by GMP for the cost of the light at the then applicable tariff.

If the neighborhood is served by underground electric service, the cost to install street lights must be borne by the association. The lights may be installed in the Town right-of-way under conditions governed by a license with the Town. The association must contract with Green Mountain Power Corporation for the provision of energy necessary to operate the lighting system at the prevailing rates authorized by the Public Service Board.

In no case may a streetlight be installed or removed within a Town highway right of way without the express written approval of the Selectboard, as provided in this Policy.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010.**

**Amended on November 22, 2011**

**Amended and approved by the Shelburne Selectboard on September 14, 2021\***

**Amended and approved by the Shelburne Selectboard on September 28, 2021\*\***

\*Vested sole jurisdiction with the Selectboard.

\*\*Added that written approval is also required for removal (not just installation) of streetlights within the Town highway right of way.