



Town of New London

Selectmen's Office

*P.O. Box 240
375 Main Street
New London, NH 03257*

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC STREET LIGHT

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Pole number and street location for which street light is requested: _____

Additional petitioners in favor of request (if applicable):

Name Home Address

Attach additional pages if necessary

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Date of decision: _____ Approved _____ Denied _____

Comments: _____

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STREET LIGHTING GUIDELINES

Rationale for establishing guidelines

Street lights serve two main functions: for drivers, they convey information about the location of key intersections, curves and pedestrians; for pedestrians, they light the sidewalks as well as conveying information to drivers about the presence of pedestrians. Research indicates that street lights do not add to driver, pedestrian or homeowner safety. Towns are departing from the practice of providing individual homeowners with street lights, a practice that dates to the days of cheaper energy. In the interest of visual communication, fiscal responsibility and energy conservation, the Town of New London has established a protocol for street light placement.

Guidelines

Street lights will be located only on town-maintained streets at intersections that bear significant through traffic, significant curves or other unusual roadway sites or sidewalk areas. Standard lamps will be high-pressure sodium with flat lenses. Current lights not meeting the above criteria are subject to removal or repositioning. Additional lights will be installed only if the above criteria are met.

Exceptions

Residents may submit written requests for retention or addition of a street light in an area that does not fit the guidelines. Such requests may be approved by the Selectmen with the agreement that installation, maintenance and energy costs will be borne by the resident.

Definitions

- Significant road curves may ultimately be defined by the Police Chief and Road Agent;
- High-pressure sodium lamps are selected for energy efficiency. In illumination output per energy input (lumens/watt), sodium lamps are about 10X more efficient than traditional incandescent and 3X more efficient than mercury vapor;
- Flat lenses are selected to increase the downward illumination and to reduce glare.