

# { Jenness Beach District Streetlight Project



#### Town Of Rye 2012/2013 Municipal Energy Report

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### JB Streetlights– Identified as a High Priority Energy Project

#### Reasons for Project

- High Density of Installed Lights
- High Electricity Cost: 2-3 times
- 85% Inefficient Type
- Mercury Vapor toxic waste
- Frequent Lamp Burnout
- Poor Light Quality
- Light Pollution unshielded

Newer technology

#### Jenness Beach Streetlights – GPS Mapping



Courtesy of Sam Winebaum

#### 69 Streetlights in small area of Jenness Beach District 9 Streetlights in the rest of Rye + about 10 area lights



2012 Rye Outdoor Lighting Costs
Area/Parking Lot Lights
Rye Streetlights (9)
Jenness Beach Streetlights (69)
Rye Beach Post/Streetlights (68/3)



#### Jenness Beach

Cost = \$16,500
69 Streetlights
3500-9600 lumens
OL Streetlight Rate
Narrow streets
Overhead power lines
Dense development
1 Sidewalk

#### Rye Beach

- & Cost = \$3000
- & 68 Post lights + 10 SL
- & 800 lumens
- & Metered by Street
- & Wider streets
- & Underground power lines
- & Less densely developed
- & Lots of sidewalks

Streetlights not designed for narrow streets

### Beach Districts Comparison

- Annual Electricity Cost \$16,500
  - 20% of JB budget
- Streetlights are "leased"
- Rate is based on:
  - type of fixture
  - wattage
  - hours on for each month
- OL vs. EOL Rate
- OL includes maintenance cost, EOL does not

## Streetlighting Costs

Lamp Type	Lumens	Qty.	Watts	OL Cost Each
Mercury Vapor	3500	57	100	\$232
Mercury Vapor	7000	2	175	\$314
HPS	4000	2	50	\$222
HPS	9500	1	100	\$323
Metal Halide	5000	3	70	\$248
Metal Halide	8000	4	100	\$338

## Current JB Streetlights

Туре	Lumens	Watts	OL Rate	EOL Rate
Merc Vapor	3500	100	\$232	n/a
High Pressure Sodium	4000	50	\$222	\$133
LED	3300	30	n/a	\$76 *

• Maintenance cost not included

## Annual Streetlight Costs

### 50 Years Ago

- □ Low energy costs
- Utility encouraged streetlighting to balance their loads
- Tendency to overlight
  - Poor light quality
  - Cheap energy

#### Now

- High Cost of Electricity
- Recognize Value of Dark-Sky-Friendly Environment
- New LED technology
  - Reduced energy use
  - Reduced energy cost
  - Reduced light pollution
  - Improved visibility
  - Long life
  - Financial Incentives

## History of Streetlighting

#### Illuminating Engineering Society – International Dark Sky

Assn.



JOINT IDA - IES MODEL LIGHTING ORDINANCE (MLO)

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#### IES TM-15-11 B-U-G

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE





NHDOT Lighting Engineer

Efficiency Vermont

Efficiency Vermont

## Standards/Engineering



- Security misconceptions
- Pedestrian Safety
  - Crosswalks
  - Sidewalks
  - Walking to cars Ocean Blvd.
- Traffic Safety
  - High Volume Streets not in JB District
  - Intersections
  - Sharp curves in road
- Convenience
  - Parking Meters
- Lighting Zones JB is Z1 (single-family residential) and Z2 (light commercial/mixed residential)

## Criteria for Lighting

- & Most densely developed area of Rye
- & Narrow, non-standard roads
- ℵ No sidewalks, except Cable Rd.
- & Significant pedestrian traffic in the evening
  - ø Social & Health Benefits
  - ø Reduced energy & emissions, if replacing MV trip
  - ダ "That's why we moved here." Heidi DiPietro, Richard Rd.

### Other JB Considerations

- Cree, Inc. 30-watt LED luminaires
- 10-year warranty
- Good B-U-G Rating B1-U0-G1
- Low wattage = low electricity cost - \$76 per year
- Good price
- Eligible for Eversource \$100 incentive/light
- Made in the USA



## Selected Streetlights

& Astronomical Light Pollution
& Ecological Light Pollution
& Electricity Cost
& Carbon Footprint

Why Remove Lights?



# Satellite image of southern New Hampshire showing nighttime lights in 2010.

From http://www.blue-marble.de/nightlights/2010



### AMA – "Cool it & Dim it"

#### **Normal Circadian Rhythms**

24-hr cycle –sunlight/darkness

- & Sleep/wake Cycles
- & Hunger
- & Activity
- & Hormone Production
- & Body Temperature
- & Other cellular & physiological functions

#### Disruption Can Lead to

- & Poor Sleep
- & Obesity
- & Diabetes
- & Mood Disorders
- & Cancer

#### **Blue Light**

- ℵ Damage to Retina, esp. over 55

### Human & Wildlife Health



#### Newer LED – RSW 3000K





## LEDs – Blue Light

- Install test lights RFP
- Hold a Site Visit
- Mark lights that can be removed (up to 17)
- Comment Period for Residents
- Finalize counts and send RFP out for bid
- Field Work
  - Remove lights permanently \*
  - Convert the rest to LEDs
- Recycle old lights
- Switch to Eversource EOL Rate
- Add lights at new locations \*

### Plan for JB Streetlight Project

#### Perkins/Ocean



#### Near Bathhouse



### Test Streetlights – Ocean Blvd



LEGEND: Black/white squares -replace with LEDs, gray stars - lights to be permanently removed, green markers - new lights to be added.

#### Jenness Beach Streetlight Project Map

	No Removals	17 Removals
Quantity	72 Streetlights	55 Streetlights
Project Cost	\$26,000	\$22,200
Annual Electricity Cost Savings	63%	70%
Simple Payback (yrs)	3.0	2.2

## Economics

#### <u>39 Comments so far</u>

- & General support for conversion to LEDs
- & Opposition to removals
- & Opposition to new lights
- & Requests for new light
- & Requests to remove lights
- & Complaints about lights shining in windows

### Public Comment Update



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