

I. Purpose.

The purpose of this directive is to outline a policy and procedure for the installation or removal of street lights within the Town of Dennis.

II. Policy:

In order to safeguard the public safety and general welfare of motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic, and support Crime Prevention efforts, the Town of Dennis will establish standards for the installation or removal of street lights. The Road Safety Task Force Committee will review requests to install or remove street lights as part of its charge to review and recommend infrastructure improvements that enhance the safety of motorists and pedestrians and improve the quality of life in the Town of Dennis. The Town of Dennis will not support the installation or continued maintenance of street lights on private ways with no public access.

III. Procedure:

A. Standards Required for Installation

1. Street lights will only be considered on public ways or private ways with public access. The Committee will not review street light requests on private ways that do not allow public access.
2. A street light request must meet 1 or more of the following standards to qualify for installation:
 - a. A history of pedestrian or motor vehicle accidents that can be attributed to a lack of adequate lighting;
 - b. The combination of sight distance, roadway alignment, grades, channelization, or other factors constitute a confusing or dangerous condition if such roadway is not illuminated;
 - c. There is a significant volume of pedestrian traffic in crosswalks adjacent to frequently used public gathering places at night;
 - d. Street lighting for municipal or school parking areas or driveways or to be installed by the roadside in front of a municipal or school building where the vehicular or pedestrian safety of

employees or the public will be served by street lighting;

e. Street lighting where it may aid in the protection of municipal or school buildings or public property from vandalism, theft, or other damage; or

f. Intersections of well- traveled roads.

B. Standards for Removal of Street lights

1. Town staff from the DPW, Engineering, Police and Fire Departments will provide the Road Safety Task Force with a review of current street lights and recommend discontinuing those lights that do not meet the standards enumerated in this directive.
2. When the Committee identifies street lights that do not meet the basic requirements the Committee will publish a notification that the RSTF will consider turning off the specified lights.
3. After due notice, the RSTF Committee will conduct a review of the light installation(s) and forward recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for further action.

C. Duties of the RSTF Committee

1. The Committee shall determine if a street intersection or hazardous condition warrants the installation of a street light under the conditions specified above.
2. The Committee may review requests made by citizens, town staff, other Town Boards, Commissions or Committees or the Board of Selectmen.
3. The Town Engineer, DPW, Police Department and Fire Department staff will assist the Committee by providing technical support.
4. After due consideration the RSTF Committee will forward its recommendations to the Board of Selection for further action.
5. The Committee will review current light installations to assure compliance with this directive.

D. Adopt A Light Program

1. In those situations where the RSTF Committee has recommended that a light be shut off or the installation of the light does not meet the requirements of this directive, a citizen may request that the light remain on or be installed at the citizen's expense.
2. In the case of a recommended shut off, the citizen may elect to adopt the light and pay all costs associated with the light's continued operation. The citizen will make the arrangements through NSTAR and be responsible for all charges related to the transfer and continued operation of the light.