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Good morning Henry: Wasn't sure if my first send went through due to the Comcast system outage. Here are the minutes of Tuesday's Public Safety Committee Meeting. Ed

**Rutland Board of Alderman---Committee Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Committee**

Convened 5:30 p.m. Adjourned 6:10 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Members Present: Alderman Davis, Kiernan, Donahue, Brodowski, Larson
Others Present: Public Works Commissioner Jeffrey Wennberg, Steve Costello
Green Mountain Power, Sherri Durgin-Campbell, Gordon
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The Public Safety Committee met in the downstairs Conference Room of Rutland City Hall to hear concerns from residents of the Northwest Neighborhood of the City of Rutland, relative to street light needs, street light repairs, and other concerns related to lighting in the area.

Commissioner Wennberg provided a copy of the Board of Highway Commissioners Protocol regarding street lights in Rutland City, dated 01/09/2012. The protocol stated that any person requesting the installation, adjustment or removal of a street light located within the limits of any accepted street in the City of Rutland shall forward such request, in writing, to the Board of Highway Commissioners. After receiving such formal request at a regular or special meeting, the Board of Highway Commissioners shall give preliminary consideration to that request, if there is no clear reason to deny the request, it will be forwarded to the City's Traffic Safety Committee for review. Such review shall include a site visit to verify the need for the change and contact with the abutters to the proposed work. The Traffic Safety Committee will make a recommendation regarding the proposal to the Board of Highway Commissioners who will consider such recommendation when deciding whether or not to grant the request. The installation, adjustment or removal of a street light is subject to the review and technical approval of the involved utility.

The Board of Highway Commissioners is comprised of the Mayor, President of the Board of Alderman, and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Questions were raised relative to the simple repair of a broken street light and whether that fell under the "adjustment" clause of the Protocol. It does, however that a simple replacement of a broken or malfunctioning light, is handled with a simple phone report to the utility company. The Commissioner indicated that his agency receives approximately ninety (90) percent of the street lighting calls, while the Police Department receives approximately ten (10) percent of this type of call.

When asked who checks on broken street lights after Public Works crews have gone in for the day, the Commissioner replied that there are no employees out specifically looking for unlit lights, etc. That most of the nighttime reports come from the Police Department.

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Alderman Davis asked about the possibility of more solar installations in some areas as a cost saving measure, and Steve Costello stated that this is being looked into. Commissioner Wennberg advised that his Department is looking at a possible solar application for lighting for the Dorr Drive Bridge, which is under reconstruction. The Commissioner stated that lighting was not a part of the original State design so now that construction has started alternatives for lights must be looked at.

Mr. Costello was advised of two concerns dealing with a resident of Newport Drive who felt some adjustments to existing lights were needed and another resident of Maple Village who had concerns about the lighting at the Bus stop. These will be looked into.

Alderman Brodowski stated that on some streets, one side is quite bright while the other side is much darker where lights are place.

Following discussion of the repair notifications, and the process involved for additional or relocation of street lighting, Alderman Davis made the following motion.

Motion: That the Board of Alderman request that the Board of Highway Commissioners conduct a p.m. (evening) visit to the Northwest Neighborhood, to evaluate street lighting and report their recommendations back to the Board of Alderman. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brodowski.

Debate: Alderman Donahue questioned why just the Northwest Neighborhood, and the Chair pointed out that the posted Agenda for the meeting dealt with the Northwest Neighborhood.

Alderman Davis' motion passed unanimously (5-0) and I so move.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted; Alderman Ed Larson, Committee Chair

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