

**Town of Cape Elizabeth
Street Lighting Policy
Approved April 30, 2009**

Introduction

Municipal street lighting is provided in areas where the provision of light makes a demonstrable improvement to public safety. Publicly provided lighting must serve a public purpose and be provided through available fixtures that are energy efficient. The Chief of Police administers the street lighting policy within funds appropriated by the Town Council.

Reflective Signing

Reflective signing is a viable alternative to street lighting in many areas and is the preferred alternative at dead-ends and on rural roads.

Street Lighting

Street lighting will be provided at the intersection of major public roads unless there are multiple lights in the immediate area.

Street lighting will be provided in pedestrian areas in the Town Center and BA zones.

Street lighting will be provided in areas deemed by the Chief of Police to be areas of high nighttime pedestrian use.

Street lighting will be provided in areas deemed by the Chief of Police as high accident locations.

The Chief of Police may authorize lighting in such other locations where the provision of light makes a demonstrable improvement to public safety.

Underground Utilities

Public lighting is not provided in areas with underground utilities except in the Town Center zone. Neighborhoods with underground utilities may provide lighting through a neighborhood association. The Town will continue to assume the expense for any underground lighting for which it assumed the expense on March 2008 through July 1, 2010.

No lighting may be placed in the right of way of public roads with underground utilities without permission of the Director of Public Works. The Director may deny such requests if the nearby abutters oppose the placement of lighting or if the installation would interfere with other utilities or with maintenance of the public road. Additional permits are required from Dig-Safe for any excavation.

The underground pedestrian lighting in the Town Center zone is for pedestrian safety purposes and shall be on timing devices to reduce costs.

Municipal Property Lighting

The Town may purchase through the street lighting account lighting to protect or enhance municipal property. Any expense for such lighting shall be charged to the property and not to the street lighting budget. Any such lighting shall also be energy efficient and shall include timing devices whenever possible.