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Dear Barnstable Fire District Residents

CHANGES coming for Barnstable Fire District Street Lighting

The Barnstable Fire District will be upgrading the existing sodium street lighting to the new LED lighting fixtures. This is a result of several factors, including escalating cost of the electricity to power sodium lighting, the cost of repairs, and difficulty in obtaining spare parts.

We needed to look at the whole street lighting issue now because our district streetlight contractor, (Siemens Energy) will be going out of streetlight repair business on July 1st, 2022. This situation has forced us to look at our role in the lighting business. Our role in providing street lighting is to ensure public safety in all municipal areas and streets, and to make sure we spend residents' tax dollars wisely. This review may result in some lights not meeting the public safety definition. If so, they may be removed. Therefore, the district will no longer provide lighting to that area, thus reducing our costs going forward. The district has been in contact with Cape Light Compact, to see if they have any programs that are available to further reduce our lighting costs. They may be able to help by replacing our existing sodium lighting with LED fixtures like those in the program that was instituted Cape wide in 2012. That conversion was done to all Cape towns, except for our district and a portion of Falmouth at no cost to the districts.

All indications are that we will qualify for this conversion before the end of June 30th, 2022. Our contractor, Siemens Energy, was the original contractor who installed the Cape's retrofitted lighting and would be the contractor to do our conversion. The total cost of this project is \$38,286.25 and will be funded by Cape Light Compact, who contracted the original upgrade to the Cape wide lighting. The district will be responsible for incidental costs including police details, and electrical repairs needed during a lights upgrade. The entire time frame for conversion would be 2 weeks with start time contingent upon supply accessibility for LED fixtures.

Respectfully,
The Prudential Committee