

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF

Plandome Heights

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RE: Installation of LED Street Lamps

Dear Residents,

Last night, I recommended and the Trustees approved the change-over of the remaining 56 street lamps in the Village from high pressure sodium lights to LED lights.

This action follows years of patience and study where the costs, performance and desirability of LED lighting has improved significantly. It also follows months of experimentation and testing with different types, colors and intensities of lights for resident evaluation. Ultimately, we decided on the 3,000 Kelvin (a measure of light color/intensity) retrofit light that was tested on the west side of the Village. This is the same rating and type of installation that was done successfully by the villages of Plandome and Plandome Manor in their recent conversions to LED street lighting. We found the performance of the retrofit light to be more desirable vs. the replacement option and it is significantly less expensive.

Many residents gave feedback on the test lamps and that feedback helped guide our decision. Thank you for that.

The lights have been ordered and will be installed over the coming weeks. If you are signed up for our North Shore Alert system, you will receive a notice about the work schedule (sign up at <u>www.northshorealert.com</u>).

The lights will be a new fresh look in the Village. It is more consistent with residents increased use of LED lighting. The advantages include:

- A "cleaner" light which should enhance public safety,
- Reduced energy consumption at 45 watts vs. the average 125 watts,
- We expect to receive a *reduction in our electric bills* and in our contract to *service the lights*.

In addition to installing the lights, we are making plans to paint the street lamp fixtures starting with the most faded cast iron ones in Bournedales, Cove and Waterway.

The project will be paid for with Capital funds set aside for that purpose. So, there is no effect on your property tax. The 56 street lamps and the related painting should cost under \$20,000. The total project, with the test lights and the utility lamps on Plandome Road (done in 2020), should be about \$25,000.

Sincerely, INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS

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