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**From:** Dean Charter  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2008 2:27 PM  
**To:** All Boards and Committees; All Department Heads  
**Cc:** 'Scott Edwards'; Lauren Rosenzweig  
**Subject:** Streetlight Program

Greetings,

Lauren Rosenzweig has asked that we distribute the attached press release as widely as possible. The Board will be discussing the choices for replacement streetlights at 8:45 PM on Monday, April 28 in the Faulkner Room, Acton Town Hall

Regards,

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

With the passage of Warrant Article #24, the Town of Acton is now ready to move forward with the replacement of 95% of our 800 streetlights. As discussed at Town Meeting, the existing, outdated Mercury Vapor lights will be replaced with more energy efficient fixtures, equipped with flat lenses, which will limit glare and light spill into yards and skyward. Lights will be sized according to the location they will be installed in. For example, brighter lights will be installed on Arterial roads (such as Main Street), and less bright lights installed in subdivisions. It is expected that the new fixtures will save over 200,000 kilowatt hours per year, which equates to a budgetary saving of \$35,000 per year. NSTAR Electric has approved a rebate of over \$27,000 to help underwrite the cost of this project, as a supplement to the \$125,000 approved at Town Meeting. A condition of the rebate from NSTAR is that the project must be complete by October 3, 2008.

The Board of Selectmen has placed the streetlight issue on their agenda for 8:45 on Monday, April 28, in the Faulkner Hearing Room at Acton Town Hall. Public input is solicited in deciding what type of lights to install as replacements.

Interested members of the public should view the sample lights noted below, and send comments to [OLEC@acton-ma.gov](mailto:OLEC@acton-ma.gov) prior to the meeting.

School Street opposite Sandy Drive, utility pole # 61	100 Watt Metal Halide
Capt. Brown Lane at Capt. Forbush, utility pole # 5	50 Watt Metal Halide
Great Road at Life Care Center, utility pole # 1	100 Watt High Pressure Sodium

For more information, please contact Dean A. Charter, Municipal Properties Director at 978-264-9629 or [dcharter@acton-ma.gov](mailto:dcharter@acton-ma.gov).

**Maryjane Kenney**

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**From:** Dore' Hunter  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2008 9:06 PM  
**To:** Board of Selectmen  
**Subject:** Street lights

Lauren,

I went out tonight, shortly after we were speaking on the telephone, and looked at the three street lights set out in your news release, in preparation for the BOS meeting on 28 April.

I do NOT like the High Pressure Sodium that is on pole 1 at Life Care. It seemed slightly less orange than the strong light array at the High School, but I still don't care for the color. Many years ago the BOS was considering changing the street lights (probably to the ones we mainly have now) and my recollection is that then most of the folks that then looked at samples did not favor the orange color either.

The two Metal Halide lights seem FINE, I would happily see either of them purchased for Acton.

Oddly it was my perception that the 50 Watt Metal Halide at the Capt Brown/Capt Forbush intersection illuminated a slightly bigger area than the School Street 100 Watt light. After looking at it for a while I decided that perception had something to do with the lamp enclosure, but I could certainly be mistaken.

Regards,  
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