

The Buckland Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee's Charge:

The Selectboard shall create the Buckland Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee to act as liaisons between the residents of Buckland and the Selectboard with regards to exterior illumination, including but not limited to street lighting.

The Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee shall be made up of five Buckland residents and shall include a representative each from the Public Safety Committee and the Energy Committee.

The Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee shall meet as necessary and/or at the request of a resident impacted by exterior lighting, including but not limited to street lighting.

The Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee shall forward their recommendations to the Selectboard for final action.

Further, the Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee shall examine the town's current protections against light pollution as well as to establish standards to protect the public's safety by ensuring adequate illuminations of public ways.

The committee's yardstick for determining the need for new policy shall be:

1. Are current policies up-to-date, in-line with most other surrounding towns and cities, and clear about purpose and enforceability?
2. Are the current policies addressing public safety needs, as determined by the existing public safety committee?
3. Are current policies addressing pollution and will they help prevent environmental catastrophes, as well as give Buckland better protection if the issue requires litigation?
4. Are the current policies addressing the adverse impacts of public lighting on public health?
5. Are the current policies addressing the adverse impacts of public lighting on wildlife?