

Greetings from the Green Group,

The Green Group is excited to announce that the state has awarded Lunenburg almost \$70,000 during this year's Competitive Grant. That makes over \$425K in State Grant Funds so far. This round will go to helping fund 2 new Hybrid vehicles for Police, Lighting upgrades at Middle/High School, Appliance upgrades at Senior Center, Library, Teen Center, DPW, Public Safety, Town Hall and more.

During this November Town Meeting the Green Group will bring forward an Article that will save the Town of Lunenburg significant money. We ask that you please come to Special Town Meeting and voice your support for Article 4 Conversion of Streetlights to LED.

Presently we pay about \$72,600 per year to Unitil for Streetlights. That consists of 2 parts: \$22,500 for the electricity and \$50,000 for Maintenance of the system. With a conversion to LED we will lower the Yearly Electricity cost alone by almost 60% to about \$9440.

There are two proposals for the Conversion to LED, we can either pay Unitil to Convert or we can purchase the lights and convert ourselves. Unitil has proposed a cost of \$46,700 to convert with an annual Maintenance cost of \$31,500. They have also given the town a cost of \$91,000 to buy the lights. Once the town owns the lights, we would be eligible to apply for a Grant Funds for conversion. Owning them ourselves should bring down the annual Maintenance cost to \$5000. So, let's look at the numbers:

	Today	Unitil Owns	Lunenburg Buys
Electricity	\$22,500	\$9,440	\$9,440
Maintenance	\$50,000	\$31,600	\$5,000
Total	\$72,500	\$41,040	\$14,400
Yearly Savings		\$31,460	\$58,100
Time to ROI		18 months	19 months
20-year savings	\$0	\$584,000	\$1,071,500

We think the numbers speak for themselves, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING. We are recommending that that we spend a little now to make a great deal more over time. An investment that will continue to pay dividends well into the future. The Group realizes that there will be some additional burden on Town Manager office if we own the lights such as negotiating Maintenance contract. The extra savings could be used to help with this and other areas that this town needs.

Please come out to support the work that the Green Group has been doing by voting for change.

Thank You

Dave Blatt

Green Group Chair