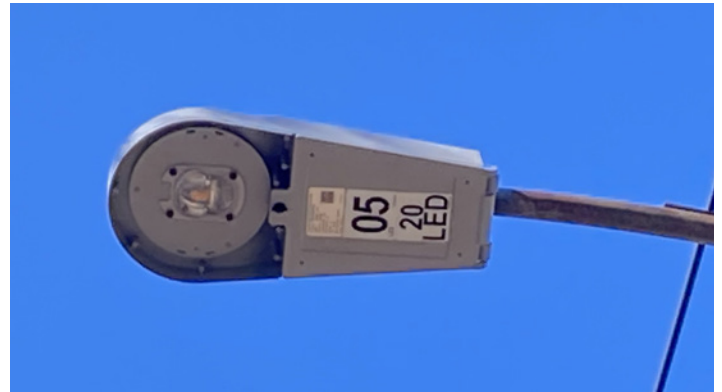




LED Streetlights Installed

In accordance with our Town's pledge to reduce our carbon footprint, the Town has begun installing LED streetlights. This process has taken over 25 years to come to fruition, but yes, we have finally reached that day! This installation process involves three separate Pepco work orders, with the first completed just recently on Dorset and Cumberland Avenues. I spoke with a Pepco employee on the street during the installation and he told me that each light takes about six minutes to install – wow! The new lights use relatively warm 3000 Kelvin, 50W equivalent LED bulbs, which project about the same amount of luminescence as our old streetlights, but with more focused direction down toward the streets and less into your windows. That's a good thing for residents and for nearby birds and animals trying to sleep or hunt at night.

These new bulbs will reduce our energy consumption by about 80%. That's huge! The next two phases will occur over the coming months. Also, keep in mind that all of our Town's electricity uses a third-party renewable energy



One of the many LED street light fixtures newly installed in the Town of Somerset, photo by Barton Rubenstein

source, an option that every resident has with their Pepco bill. I hope you enjoy the new lights during your evening walks.

Please let us know if you have any questions or sustainable ideas for the Town at tos.environmentcommittee@gmail.com.

Time to Update Somerset Resource Guide and Directory: You Can Help!

By Leslie Caplan, Chair, Communications Committee, Essex Avenue

The Communications Committee and Town Staff have begun our annual update of the Somerset Resource Guide and Directory, with the goal of releasing the 2024 issue in the next few months. We urge Somerset residents to review their entries in the Directory to make sure that names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are current and correct. If you see something that needs changing, please contact Office Administrator Linda Williams (301-657-3211; linda@townofsomerset.com).

Correct entries help all of us in Somerset to make contact easily with fellow residents!

