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North Attleborough Electric Department Announces LED Street Light Replacement Program Begins this Week

Brett Langille, Chairman of the Board of Electric Commissioners, announced today that NAED's "LED Street Light Replacement Program" will begin this week resulting in the replacement of the more than 1,960 High Pressure Sodium street light fixtures with new LED fixtures and controllers.

"LED" is an abbreviation for "Light Emitting Diode".

The department has contracted with Pine Ridge Technologies, Inc. to install the LED fixtures and controllers. Pine Ridge Technologies is expected to begin its efforts before the end of October, 2017 and hopes to have the replacements completed by the end of January, 2018, weather permitting. NAED has committed \$640,000 to the replacement effort and received a \$236,000 grant from the Commonwealth to offset the cost of the installation. NAED is also planning on replacing "Leased Lights" with LED fixtures.

The four (4) main benefits of LEDs according to the American National Standard Practice for Roadway Lighting are as follows:

- *Reduction in night accidents...*
- *Aid to police protection and enhanced sense of personal security;*
- *Facilitation of traffic flow;*
- *Promotion of business and the use of public facilities during the night hours.*

Mr. Langille noted that the new street lights will result in lower annual street light costs for the Town of North Attleborough.

Governor Charles Baker noting the value of LED technology stated, "Investing in LED streetlight conversions will lead to reduced energy costs and better road safety for motorists and municipalities across Massachusetts."

Information about the "LED Street Light Replacement Program" is available on the NAED web site, www.naelectric.com, or by contacting NAED at 508-643-6300.