

**LIGHTING UP**

**Downtown Essex**

**2009- Present**

# Essex Village Initiative

Page 4:

“A final design change order has been approved for the laying of conduits to allow for the electric wires for functional period-design lighting along Main Street in the future.”



Town of Essex  
Long Term Planning  
Committee (LTPC)

September 4, 2009

Town of Essex  
Long Term Planning Committee

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Rob Fitzgibbon (Planning Board)  
Peter Silva (Chief of Police)



# Essex Village Initiative

Long Term Planning Committee  
October 2009



Slide #9:

“Coordinated Design Plan

- Historic Reproduction Street Lighting
- Landscaping & benches
- Plaques & signage”

# ESSEX RIVER PROJECT



Page 9:  
“Future period  
lighting along street  
and low-level LED  
lighting along  
boardwalk”



## TOWN OF ESSEX STRATEGIC PLAN

2015-2020

### CONSULTATION WITH TOWN RESIDENTS



### Goal 3:

“Win grants to spur improvements in decorative parking, street lighting and other aesthetic improvements, town land realignment and boardwalk construction.”

## Town of Essex Strategic Plan 2016-2020



### Public Forum

February 10, 2016

Lisa O'Donnell,  
Board of Selectmen

David Gabor,  
Finance Committee

John Bediz,  
Conomo Point Committee

Bob Coviello,  
Building Committee

Julia Scofield,  
Open Space Committee

Annie Cameron,  
School Committee

Skip Crocker,  
Planning Board

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Board of Public Works

Keith Symmes,  
Council on Aging

Michael Burke,  
Conservation Committee

Charlie McNeil  
Shellfishing Industry

Peter Madsen,  
Community Preservation Committee

2019

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# Town of Essex Economic Development Plan

Funding provided by:  
Direct Local Technical Assistance  
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Town of Essex

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Page 48:  
“b. Add  
pedestrian-  
minded lighting  
throughout  
Main Street.”

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Page 49:  
“e. Install street  
banners to enhance  
the look of downtown  
to promote events.  
f. Improve Downtown  
lighting.  
i. Improve the lighting  
near Town Hall and  
along Main Street.  
ii. Use string lighting  
over the street or  
other decorative  
lighting to enhance  
the sense  
of place in downtown.  
iii. Consider installing  
decorative or  
historical streetlamps  
along downtown  
Main  
Street.”





John Bediz  
At-Large

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Historical Commission

Michael Burke  
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# TOWN OF ESSEX STRATEGIC PLAN

## 2023-2028

*REVISED DECEMBER 2022*

Goal 3: "C.  
Purchase and  
install historic street  
lights, trees/plants,  
and hanging plants  
and banners to  
improve the  
aesthetic appeal  
of Essex's  
causeway, primarily  
using grants and  
donations."



Page 25:

”The survey showed that the highest-rated vertical visual cue is for seasonal and/or holiday lighting. The new streetlights will have outlets that will allow for easy electrical access. Adding creative lighting is an opportunity to increase foot traffic downtown, foster a sense of cultural identity and creativity and improve visibility at night.”

# DOWNTOWN ESSEX PLACEMAKING PLAN

JUNE 2023





Historic Style Lampposts  
and  
Plaques to commemorate our  
Shipbuilding Heritage

