

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chairman), Lennon, Salvucci, Gentile, Crossley, Danberg, and Lappin

Absent: Ald. Albright

Also present: Ald. Fuller

City staff present: John Daghlian (Associate City Engineer)

#220-10 COMCAST & MIRRA COMPANY requesting a grant of location to install 3” conduit from a proposed 18” x 30” vault in the southerly side of Wells Avenue 100’ ± to the entrance of the parking lot at One Wells Avenue. [07/14/10 @ 2:16 PM

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The Mirra Company Project Manager presented the petition to the committee. Mirra Company is the contractor for Comcast on this project. The petition is a request to install a vault in the sidewalk and add 10’ of conduit in front of One Wells Avenue to provide service to that address. The vault will be installed flush with the sidewalk with a metal cover. The Department of Public Works has reviewed the petition and recommended approval of the petition with the standard conditions as stated on the grant of location application that was attached to the Committee agenda. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the petition, which carried unanimously.

#221-10 NATIONAL GRID requesting a grant of location to install and maintain 70’ ± of 4” gas main in GREAT MEADOW ROAD from the existing 4” gas main at House #29 southeasterly to House #41. [07/21/10 @ 11:46 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 70**

NOTE: Dennis Regan, National Grid Permit Representative, presented the petition to install approximately 70’ of conduit in Great Meadow Road to provide gas service to a house located on Great Meadow Road. The Public Works Department has reviewed the petition and Associate City Engineer John Daghlian stated that the department is recommending approval of the item. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Ald. Lappin moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#222-10 VERIZON requesting a grant of location to relocate Pole #170/19 in BEETHOVEN ROAD approximately 15’ ± to the north of existing pole #170/19. [07/22/10 @ 2:30 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: John Callahan, Verizon Right of Way Specialist, stated that Verizon is petitioning to relocate a pole on Beethoven Avenue at the request of the property owner at 72 Beethoven Avenue due to the construction of a new driveway. The property owner will pay the cost of the

pole relocation, which is approximately \$4,000. The Department of Public Works has no problems with the pole relocation and recommends approval of the petition. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Ald. Crossley moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#232-10 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Ch. 40, Sec. 15., abandonment of a portion of a 20' wide City drain and sewer easement in the center of Section 63, Block 9, Lot 2 (Boston College Middle Campus) located at the corner of College Road and Beacon Street and acceptance of a 20' wide sewer and drain easement located parallel to College Road. [08-05-10 @ 3:35 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: See below note for information on this item.

#233-10 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting acceptance of a sidewalk easement granted by Boston College with a length of 450' and area of 2,053 sq. ft. to be laid out, graded and accepted as a part of the public way known as College Road. [08-05-10 @ 3:35 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: Associate City Engineer John Daghlian explained that Boston College has requested that the City abandon a portion of an easement for the City's sewer main and drainage pipe located on the Boston College Middle Campus and accept an easement, which would allow Boston College to relocate the City's sewer main and drainage pipe. Boston College will pay for all costs associated with the design and construction to relocate the utilities. The relocation of the utilities is necessary as Boston College is constructing two new academic buildings, which are to be sited on a portion of the current easement.

The Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works has reviewed the plans and Mr. Daghlian provided a memo to the Board of Aldermen outlining the scope of work and Boston College's responsibilities regarding the relocation. Mr. Daghlian recommended approval of the abandonment and relocation, as the new sewer main and drainage pipe will reduce inflow and infiltration of the City's sewer and drainage infrastructure.

The Commissioner of Public Works is also requesting the acceptance of a sidewalk easement on College Road provided by Boston College. The sidewalk easement will be located on the easterly side of the road and will allow a larger sidewalk to accommodate increased pedestrian usage due to the two new buildings. Boston College will fund the entire reconstruction of the sidewalk. Mr. Daghlian recommended approval of the sidewalk easement as the larger sidewalk would improve access and aesthetics along College Road. Ald. Salvucci moved approval, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman