

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

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

City staff present: John Daghlian (Associate City Engineer) and Stephanie Gilman (Public Buildings Commissioner)

#241-10 NATIONAL GRID petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 229' ± of 4" gas main in WARREN ROAD from the existing 12" gas main in Beacon Street northerly to 17 Warren Road. WARD 5 [08/10/10 @ 2:39 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 8-0**

NOTE: Dennis Regan, National Grid Permit Representative, presented the petition for the installation of 229' of gas main in Warren Road to provide gas service to an existing house. The gas service will provide heat and cooking fuel to the home. The Department of Public Works has reviewed the petition and recommended approval with the standard conditions including restoring the roadway to its original condition.

The public hearing was opened and Judy Burten, 11 Warren Road, asked if the gas line was installed, would it be possible for her to get gas service in the future. Mr. Regan explained that once the gas line is installed any residence that the line passes in front of could receive gas service, if requested by the property owner. National Grid sent letters to residents on Warren Road to determine if they were interested in gas service and did not receive any requests. Ms. Burten stated that she did not receive a letter from National Grid. Mr. Regan responded that he would follow up with National Grid customer service and provided Ms. Burten with contact information.

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of a motion of approval.

#246-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Stephanie Gilman as COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS pursuant to Sec. 3-3(a) of the City Charter, effective September 13, 2010 (30-day Board action date 10/7/10). [09/01/10 @ 4:38 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 8-0**

NOTE: Stephanie Gilman joined the Committee for discussion of her appointment as Commissioner of Public Buildings. Both Ald. Schnipper and Ald. Lappin have met Ms. Gilman several times, as they served on the Public Building Commissioner Search Committee and are confident that she is highly qualified to serve as the Public Buildings Commissioner. Ald. Schnipper reminded the Committee that Ms. Gilman also volunteered to assist the City while it was working to qualify as a "green community." Ms. Gilman provided the City with her

expertise in data collection and documentation to provide an energy-use baseline inventory for the City.

Ms. Gilman provided the Committee with an overview of her resume, which was attached to the Committee's agenda. Ms. Gilman will be looking at all of the city's buildings and assessing what is needed to improve sustainability, safety, and efficiency in the buildings. Ms. Gilman plans to review all of the previous studies to determine if further information is needed before requesting any additional funds for new studies. Ms. Gilman is meeting weekly with the Executive Department on coming up with a capital needs assessment.

Ald. Salvucci asked if Ms. Gilman was aware of the concerns of the firefighters regarding Fire Station #7. The firefighters believe that the two structures to be provided for the station and equipment storage are not adequately sized. Ms. Gilman has not yet had an opportunity to review or meet with anyone on the Fire Station #7 project. Ald. Lennon pointed out that the Fire Station Sub-committee of the Board of Aldermen has been meeting and is planning to provide an update to the Board of Aldermen in the near future.

Ald. Lappin moved approval of the appointment, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman