

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010

8:00 PM
Room 209

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

Public Hearing:

#268-10 24 PINE LLC, GARY & LINDA SCHMITT, requesting Construction of Main Drain, Common Sewer and Water Main in Evergreen Circle, a proposed subdivision road and a portion of Subdivision Lots 1 and 2 from the existing utility services on Pine Street 400' ± southerly to the proposed private way. Ward 4 [09-24-10 @ 2:18 PM]
PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST

#245-10 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting discussion with National Grid regarding the possible damage to trees as a result of gas leaks. [09/01/10 4:00 PM]

REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

#196-09 ALD. MANSFIELD AND SANGIOLO requesting rescission of Sec. 19-99 (b), Speed humps of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton. [06/17/09 @ 11:24 PM]

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#196-09(2) PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE requesting to broaden Sec. 19-99, Speed humps of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton to cover all vertical deflection: raised intersections, raised crosswalks and speed humps, regardless of dimension. [01/20/10]

#457-08 ALD. LAPPIN AND SALVUCCI requesting discussion with NStar regarding the timely repair of City streetlights and the development of a standard response timeframe. [11/20/08 @ 12:51 PM]

#385-07 ALD. SCHNIPPER AND GENTILE updating the Public Facilities Committee on the progress of the Newton North High School Project. [11/21/07 @ 10:23 AM]

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible, and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you have a special accommodation need, please contact the Newton ADA Coordinator Kathleen Cahill, 617-796-1125, via email at KCahill@newtonma.gov or via TDD/TTY at (617) 796-1089 at least two days in advance of the meeting date.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#272-10 PRESIDENT LENNON recommending Jeremy Munn, 971 Walnut Street, Newton Highlands, be appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/11. [09-17-10 @ 9:33 AM]

#271-10 PRESIDENT LENNON recommending Howard Goldberg, 27 Theodore Road, Newton Centre, be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/11. [09-23-10 @ 11:11 AM]

#270-10 PRESIDENT LENNON recommending Lawrence Bauer, 42 Eliot Memorial Road, Newton, be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/11. [09-23-10 @ 11:11 AM]

Public Hearing assigned for 10-20-10

#269-10 VERIZON NEW ENGLAND petitioning for a grant of location to remove and replace an existing tree guy with a new sidewalk anchor guy on Pole 1207-6 located on the north side of SHERBROOKE ROAD. Ward 7 [09-20-10 @ 9:55 AM]

#244-10 ALD. SALVUCCI requesting discussion with the Utilities Director and the Public Works Commissioner regarding the possibility of installing second water meters for outside irrigation. [08/17/10 @ 12:18 PM]

#223-10 ALD. YATES & ALBRIGHT requesting updates on the status of the reconstruction of the Needham/Newton Street corridor, which include details on the reconstruction funding, plans for the revitalization of the area, and plans for the implementation of transportation improvements. [07/15/10 @ 1:02 PM]

#192-10 POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE requesting review of **Section 26-30 Licenses for café furniture on sidewalks** with the Commissioner of Public Works and the role of the Board of License Commission. [06/22/10 @ 2:08 PM]

#204-10 Commissioner of Public Works, on behalf of NSTAR, petitioning for a grant of location to relocate pole 128/6 to the opposite side of ELM ROAD, a distance of 50' +/- westerly from existing pole location. (Ward 2) [06/21/10 @ 5:13 PM]

#116-10 ALD. CROSSLEY AND HESS-MAHAN requesting discussion regarding status of ESCO weatherization audit focusing on building envelope retrofits proposed for Phase II and Phase III and coordinating those efforts to inform decision making on related capital expenditures. [04/13/10 @ 7:24 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #53-10 ALD. FULLER, SCHNIPPER, CROSSLEY & BAKER requesting a Resolution to His Honor the Mayor requesting the implementation of new parking meter payment methods and/or parking meter systems to eliminate the sole use of coins. [02/09/10 @ 12:43 PM]
(A) **Resolution to His Honor the Mayor requesting that the pay station for the Cypress Street Municipal Lot be installed within 120 days APPROVED 7-0 on 03/03/10**
(B) **Resolution to His Honor the Mayor requesting the implementation of new parking meter payment methods and/or parking meter systems to eliminate the sole use of coins –HELD 7-0 on 03/03/10**
- #22-10 ALD. YATES & DANBERG requesting a report from current and former members of the Design Review Committee on the treatment of the members of the committee relevant to the Newton North High School Project. [01/04/10 @ 8:16 PM]
- #397-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC petitioning for a grant of location to install a new pole (233/4-1X on the northeasterly side of HOMER STREET opposite Grafton Street. (Ward 6) [11-10-09 @ 12:24 PM]
- #367-09 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Law Department on how to resolve the dispute with NStar regarding whose responsibility it is to repair the streetlight connection between the manhole and the base of the streetlight. [10/21/09 @ 9:00 PM]

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- #175-09 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting monthly updates from the Department of Public Works on the Commonwealth Avenue project. [06-03-09 @ 10:30 PM]
- #126-09 ALD. LAPPIN requesting an update on the status of repairs and rental of the Kennard Estate. [04/17/09 @ 2:49 PM]
- #111-09 ALD. ALBRIGHT AND MANSFIELD requesting discussion of recent information (made available to the Land Use Committee) from NStar related to double poles, focusing on the 350 double poles waiting only for removal of wires or streetlights by the City of Newton.

REFERRED TO PS&T, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #60-09 ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE AND HARNEY requesting the installation of traffic islands on CONCORD STREET to be funded with the Cabot, Cabot and Forbes Traffic Mitigation Fund for Lower Falls (Ward 4). [02/03/09 @ 1:01 PM]

RECOMMITTED TO FINANCE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES ON 02/17/09

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #13-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$385,000) from bonded indebtedness to the Public Works Department for the purpose of replacing both the salt shed and the Quonset hut at Crafts Street. [12/30/08 @ 5:04 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- #8-09 ALD. HESS-MAHAN LINSKY, ALBRIGHT, FREEDMAN, MANSFIELD, JOHNSON, HARNEY & VANCE proposing an ordinance requiring that the installation of synthetic in-filled turf athletic fields on city-owned property shall use sustainable, recyclable, lead-free, non-toxic products to the maximum extent feasible. [12/30/08 @9:55 AM]

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #271-08 ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that he work with the Board of Aldermen, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Department of Public Works in order to determine the most effective and efficient way to organize the work of managing our public resources. [07/17/08 @ 9:53 AM]
- #208-08 ALD. GENTILE, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI AND SCHNIPPER requesting a discussion on establishing a permanent Building Committee in the City of Newton. [05/16/08 @11:47 AM]

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB.FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #89-08 ALD. PARKER requesting the following:
- A) review of the maintenance practices for buildings, parks and other properties owned by the City (including School Department facilities and grounds)
 - B) development of a comprehensive maintenance plan that includes regular schedules for preventive maintenance for each specific site or facility
 - C) a RESOLUTION requesting that implementation of said maintenance plan be funded using operating budget funds. [02/13/08 @ 12:07 PM]

ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE ON 6/19/08

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #11-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the installation of four modular classrooms. [01/02/08 @ 4:53 P.M.]
- B) \$1,225,000 from bonded indebtedness**
- NOTE: Letter received from Mayor on 1/4/08 requesting that appropriation amount be amended to \$1.3 million. Letters received 5/7 and 5/21 requesting that the funding source to capital stabilization for costs incurred for design work and the remaining \$1,225,000 from bonded indebtedness be voted no action necessary. Part A) \$75,000 from Capital Stabilization approved on 6/19/08.*

- #253-07 ALD. LINSKY ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON, HARNEY, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI, MANSFIELD, BURG, SCHNIPPER requesting (1) a review as to how provisions of applicable ordinances, specifically 5-58, were implemented during the course of the Newton North project, and (2) consider proposed revisions of 5-58 including, but not limited to:
- (a) timely provision of documentation by the public building department to the Board of Aldermen and Design Review Committee;
 - (b) establishment of liaison committees to facilitate communications and input from neighborhoods affected by projects subject to this ordinance;
 - (c) approval of final design plans by the Board of Aldermen of projects subject to this ordinance;
 - (d) oversight during the construction phase of projects subject to this ordinance by appropriate Board committee(s) both in respect to approval of change orders as well as design changes; and
 - (e) generation of a required record detailing the entire construction process by the public building department to guide present and future oversight of projects subject to this ordinance. [08/07/07 @ 3:12 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #76-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$300,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of conducting a study of the municipal buildings throughout the city. [02-27-07 @ 4:16 PM]
- 54-07 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting discussion with the School Department and the Public Buildings Department about giving the School Department increased control over maintenance of school building facilities thereby allowing the School Department to have direct authority to deploy/hire staff to make necessary repairs to their school facilities. [02/09/07 @ 1:46 PM]
- #224-06(2) ALD. LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, BAKER & SCHNIPPER requesting further deliberation on the conditions set forth in the Site Plan Approval Board Order relating to the Newton North High School project, considering possible expansion and modification of the conditions.
- #155-06(2) ALD. BLAZAR on behalf of James A. Blackburn, 105 Wood End Road, Newton Highlands petitioning for laying out, grading and acceptance of WOOD END ROAD as a public way from the intersection of Mountfort Road westerly to the intersection of Nantucket Road, a distance of approximately 360 feet to the width of 45 feet. [05/18/10 @ 11:52 AM]
- #152-06 PS&T COMMITTEE requesting discussion re Road Classification Design Types (as outlined by the Planning and Development Department) for future use as an overall management tool for the City.
- #386-04 ALD. SANGIOLO, HESS-MAHAN, JOHNSON, AND DANBERG proposing an ordinance to require that designers selected have LEED certification and include high performance/life cycle analysis for all municipal construction projects in the City of Newton.

- #321-04(2) ALD. JOHNSON requesting a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that he expeditiously as possible find funding to create traffic calming measures on Mill Street as requested by the Traffic Council.

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB. FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #309-01 ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income senior citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman

September 24, 2010

IN HAND DELIVERY

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman
Public Facilities Committee
Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02466

10 SEP 24 P 2:18
CITY CLERK
NEWTON, MA 02159

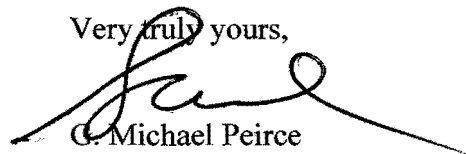
Re: Pine Street/Evergreen Circle/Utilities Easement

Dear Alderman Schnipper:

I am writing on behalf of John and Linda Schmitt and 24 Pine LLC, the owners, respectively, of 22 Pine Street (and a vacant back lot) and 24 Pine Street. We are before the Planning Board Acting as a Board of Survey in connection with an application for a five (5) lot Definitive Subdivision Plan approval (the Preliminary Plan was approved this summer). In connection with that process I am this day filing a Petition requesting that the Board of Aldermen approve of our construction of certain utilities on the above-referenced properties. We have enclosed a plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land Evergreen Circle" by Verne T. Porter, Jr., PLS, dated September 19, 2010, which would be used to grant the City the necessary easements for those services. Water will become a city service while the drains (except for one small section) and the sewer will remain private.

Please note, as indicated on the Petition, petitioners shall assume all costs for the construction of these utility services. I would appreciate it if you would accept this letter with attachments as the docketing of this request. I of course will discuss this matter in greater detail with you and the committee when you meet, on October 6th if the matter can be placed on your agenda, time being of the essence for the parties.

Very truly yours,



G. Michael Peirce

Cc: Lou Taverna, City Engineer

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City of Newton

PETITION FOR DRAIN AND SEWER

September 24 ~~x19~~ 2010

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:-

The undersigned believing that the public convenience and the public health require it, respectfully petition that a main drain and common sewer be constructed in proposed subdivision road and water Evergreen Circle and a portion of Lots 1 and 2 oneasement plan Street

Insert street or way, or private lands, give names of owners.

from existing services on Pine Street

to approximately 400 southerly on new proposed private

in that part of Newton called Auburndale/West Newton

10 SEP 24 P 2:18
SALLY CLECK
NEWTON, MA. 02158

[illegible]

In Board of Aldermen,.....
Referred to Committee on Public Works

Clerk.

Do not write here. Binding margin!

Final Label Report

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SBL	Owner	Number	Street	Unit
44017 0048	FREEDMAN MARK & SHARON		DUANE AVE	
44016 0008	MORGAN JAMES A & FRANCA G	15	PINE ST	
44017 0047	CARUSO JUAN & MARIAN	16-18	PINE ST	
44016 0009	SINOPOLI ANTONIO & ISABELLA	19-21	PINE ST	
44017 0046	SCHMITT LINDA	22	PINE ST	
44017 0045	24 PINE LLC	24	PINE ST	
44016 0001	GUOLIN WEN	27	PINE ST	
44017 0052	FREEDMAN MARK & SHARON	216	RIVER ST	
44016 0007	FOREMAN JOHN T & NANCY J TRS	228	RIVER ST	

CITY OF NEWTON
ENGINEERING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

To: Ald. Sydra Schnipper, Facilities Committee Chair.

From: John Daghlian, Associate City Engineer

Re: Evergreen Circle ~ Utility Extension Request

Date: September 30, 2010

CC: Lou Taverna, PE Director of Utilities (via email)
Shawna Sullivan, Associate City Clerk (via email)

In reference to the above location, the following are my comments for a plan entitled:

*Proposed Grading & Utility Plan
Evergreen Circle
Newton, MA
Prepared By: Verne T. Porter Jr., PLS
Dated: August 18, 2010
Revised: 9-20-'10*

Summary of Proposed Work:

The proposal is to extend the City water main approximately 350-feet southerly from the existing water main in Pine Street which will supply domestic water to 5 residential homes as part of a new subdivision.

The proposed sewer "main" is to be extended from Pine Street towards the cul-de-sac. Since the minimum construction standard of 2% slope is not provided for the sanitary sewer system, the sewer extension is not considered a main but rather a private service connection to be provided for five dwellings. The City Engineer & Director of Utilities has deemed this a private service connection and shall be maintained by the homeowners association. Three of the dwellings are to be serviced via a pump system as these homes cannot be accommodated via a gravity service connection. All connections to the sanitary sewer shall conform to the requirements

of the Department of Environmental Protection, Board of Health and State plumbing Codes and Regulations.

All on site drainage system will be owned and maintained by the Homeowners Association of this subdivision.

The proposed street lights shall be owned and maintained by the Homeowners Association. The applicants are funding 100% of the installation cost for the subdivision.

General Comments:

1. The applicants will have to grant a permanent easement to the City for future access and maintenance of the water main. This easement document and plan shall be recorded at the Middlesex Registry of Deeds prior to the acceptance of the water main.
2. The backfilling of the all utility connections within Pine Street shall be backfilled with Control Density Fill (CDF) Type I-E Excavatable type.
3. If any service connections are disturbed by the contractor of record during construction, they shall be updated and replaced to the City's current Construction Standards.
4. All downstream catch basins shall be retrofitted with an approved type of siltation control devices, details of this shall be submitted to the City Engineer. The contractor of record shall maintain these catch basins throughout the construction process, and ensure that street and property flooding does not occur during construction.
5. A permanent patch detail of the trench restoration is needed.
6. The contractor of record shall contact the Newton Police Department and arrange for Police Detail to help residents navigate around the construction equipment and since the street has underground nature gas main, the Police Officer can contact emergency response personnel.
7. The proposed water main and sanitary sewer services , manholes, and all service connections shall be pressure tested in accordance to the City's Construction Standards. A representative of the Engineering Division shall witness the testing, 48-hours prior notification shall be given prior to the inspection.

8. Upon final installation & testing of the sewer system, an As Built drawing [plan & profile] indicating rim, invert elevations, and slopes shall be submitted in digital and hard copy format to the City Engineer.
9. The test results shall be submitted in type written report format to the City Engineer.
10. Upon final installation & testing of the sewer system an As Built drawing [plan & profile] indicating rim, invert elevations, and slopes shall be submitted in digital and hard copy (Mylar) format to the City Engineer.
11. The applicant's contractor shall apply for a Utility Connection and Street Permit with the DPW prior to any construction.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 617-796-1023.

PS&T – PF Committee

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Docket Item Wording

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#196-09 & 196-09(2)

Woodland Rd
@ Lake

Middlesex Rd near Devon



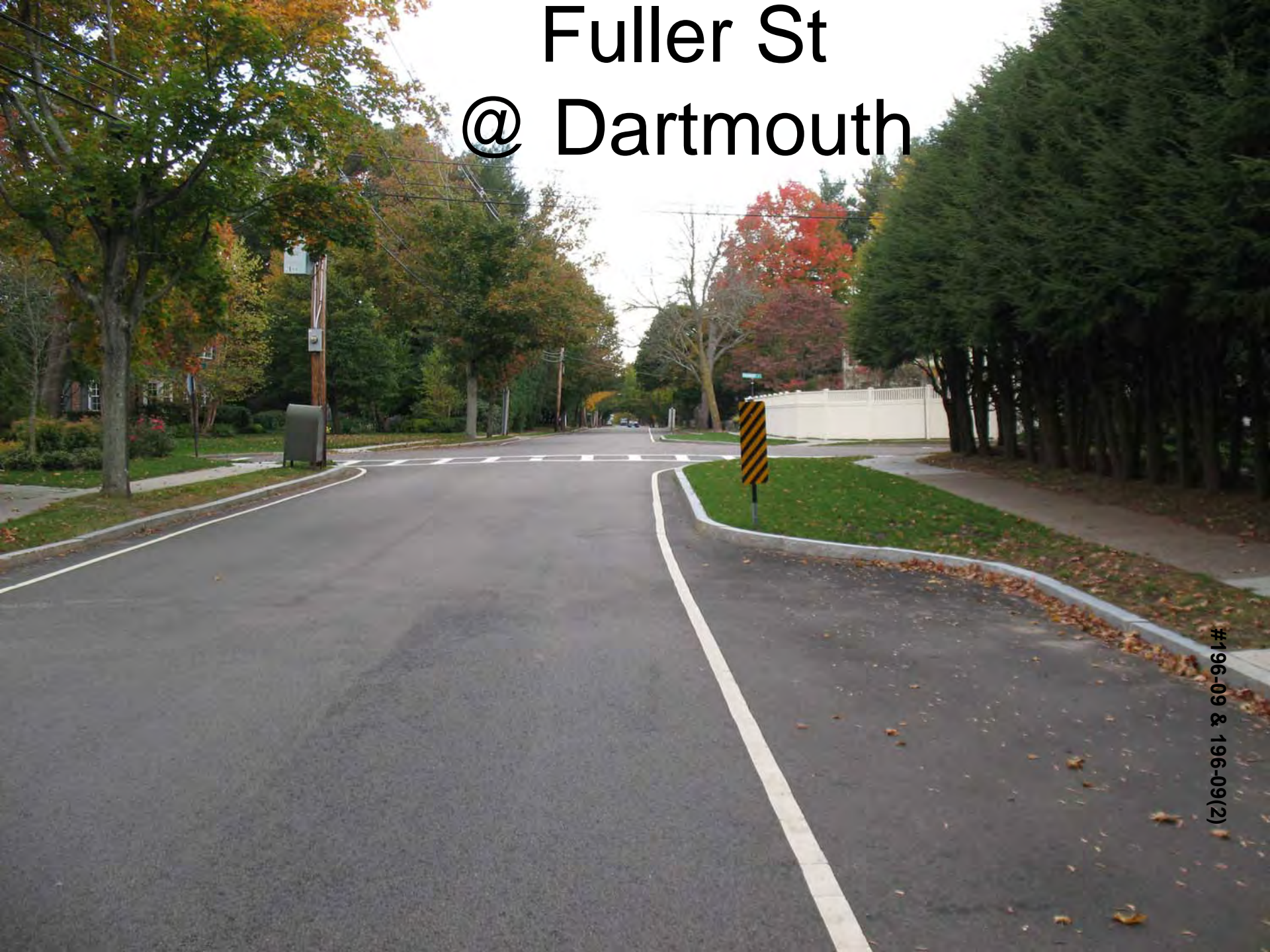
#196-09 & 196-09(2)



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Tyler Terrace

Fuller St @ Dartmouth



Docket Item History

- 6/17/09: Item filed by Ald. Sangiolo
- 10/13/09: PS&T Committee votes NAN 5-0
- 10/19/09: Full Board refers back to PS&T
- 1/20/10: Committee straw poll 7-0-1 in favor of new ordinance that covers all vertical deflections constructed for the purposes of traffic calming
- 1/20/10: Docket # 196-09(2) created by PS&T
- 6/9/10: Approved by PS&T in joint meeting

To Do's

- Determine text of ordinance draft
- Determine process for evaluating traffic calming petitions
- Determine qualifying criteria for traffic calming petitions

Traffic Calming: Definition

“Traffic calming involves changes in street alignment, installation of barriers, and other **physical measures** to reduce traffic speeds and/or cut-through volumes, in the interest of street safety, livability, and other public purposes.”

Source: Institute of Transportation Engineers

Hmm....physical measures... Does this mean Traffic Calming is really a PF issue? YES!

3 Options (from 1/20/10 mtg)

1. Do nothing

2. Broaden 19-99 to cover all vertical deflections:

- Raised intersections
- Raised crosswalks
- Speed humps, regardless of dimension

3. Rescind 19-99, establish guidelines, and delegate to Traffic Council

- BOA maintains authority over approvals/denials via appeal
- BOA maintain authority over funding where:
 - Special Appropriation (e.g., parking meter receipts)
 - Mitigation (e.g., Panera)

City Ord. 19-1: Definitions

- *Speed humps*: A street surface condition consisting of gradual elevations 3 inches to 4 inches high at the midpoint and running 10 feet to 14 feet along the length of the street at the base with the one foot sections at each end tapered flush with the street surface to facilitate street drainage, positioned 200 to 400 feet apart and subject to such further design criteria as may be determined by the City Engineer.

Sec. 19-33. Role of board of aldermen; appeals from Traffic Council.

- (a) The board of aldermen may establish policies and standards regarding traffic and parking matters for particular locations, and periodically review and revise such policies and standards, to be used as guidelines by the traffic council.

City Ordinance 19-99.

Speed humps—designated streets.

- (a) Speed humps shall be installed and maintained upon the following streets:
 - *Clark Street*, entire length.
 - *Tyler Terrace*, entire length.
 - (b) No other street shall be considered for the installation of speed humps.
 - (c) Signs or other warning devices advising approaching motorists of the presence of speed humps shall be installed and maintained in connection with existing speed humps.
- (Ord. No. S-274A, 11-16-87; Ord. No. V-172, 5-4-98)

#196-09 & 196-09(2)

NOTE: ONLY SITE-SPECIFIC SECTION LEFT IN CITY ORD!

Sec. 26-51. Public way improvements constituting specific repairs.

- Major construction work on public ways that falls within one or more of the subsections below shall be deemed "specific repairs" which require approval by the board of aldermen pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 82, § 17:
- (a) design changes which would result in a change of the flow of vehicular traffic, such as adding or deleting a traffic island or changing the width of the roadway portion of a way so as to result in a deletion or addition of one or more travel or turning lane(s);
- (b) work that is privately funded and estimated by the city engineer to cost a sum greater than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).
- (Ord. No. U-20, 6-6-94; Ord. No. X-69, 12-15-03)

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Proposed Ordinance Changes

- Amend 19-30 (procedures for Traffic Council) to allow traffic calming petitions to be returned if qualifying criteria not met
- Rescind 19-99 (speed humps)
- Amend 26-51 (road projects that require Board approval)

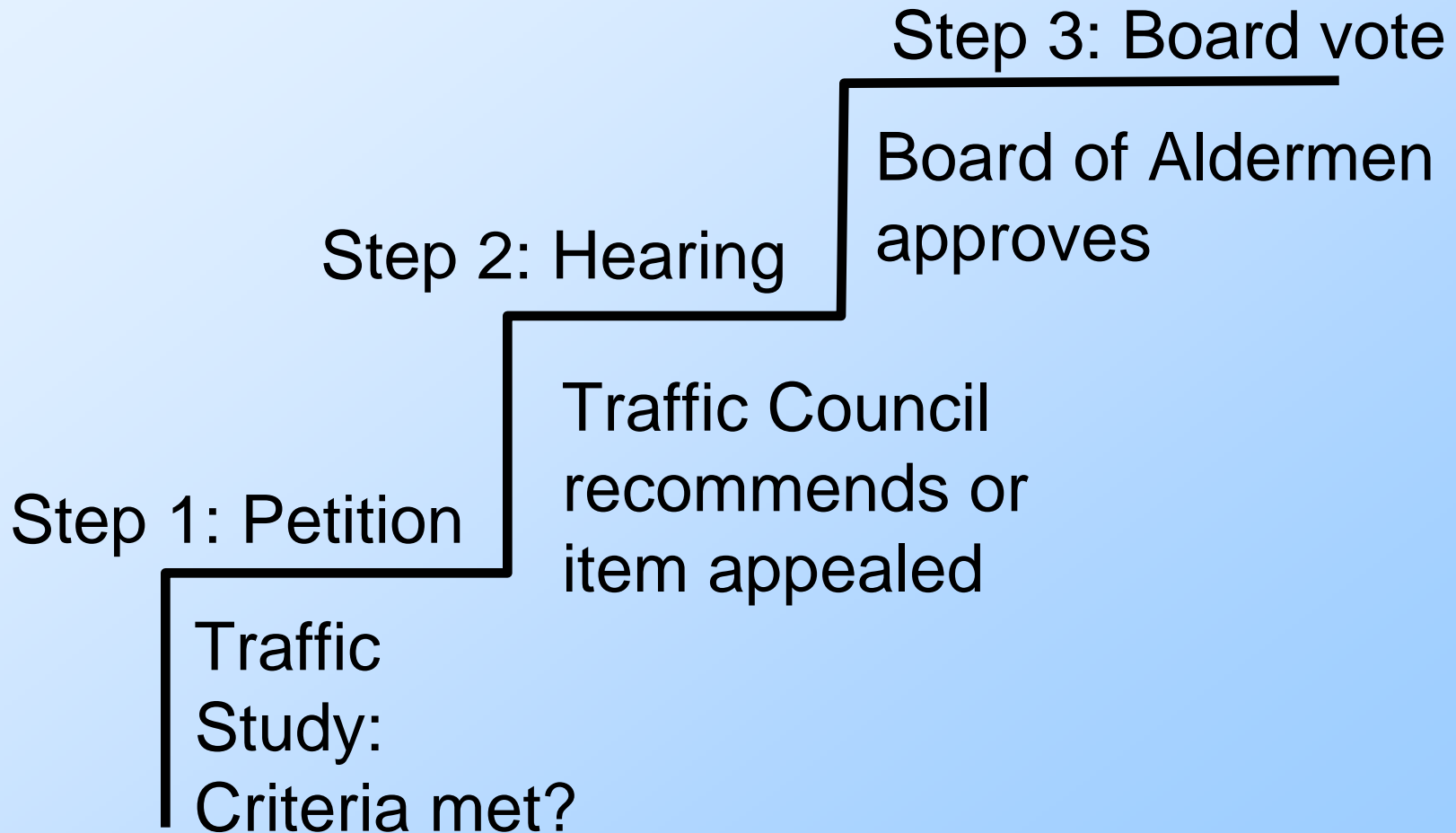
Proposed Ordinance Text

- (b) Projects that include the addition, relocation, or removal of vertical deflections in a public roadway surface constructed for the primary purpose of reducing vehicle speeds. Such devices include, but are not limited to: speed humps, raised crosswalks, and raised intersections.
- Prior to approval of projects under a) and b), the Board of Aldermen shall review the associated Traffic Council action and its consistency with Board policies set forth in Section 19-33a.

Proposed Process

1. All requests first sent to Traffic Council
2. DPW checks qualifying criteria, if not met, petition returned
3. Traffic Council holds public meeting and votes
 - A. In Favor...Traffic Council recommendation sent to PF
 - B. Denial...item fails
 - C. Denial...appeal by residents or Alderman sent to Board
4. Board of Aldermen must approve ALL vertical deflections, not just speed humps. Funding approval may also be required.

Traffic Calming Steps



Qualifying Criteria for Traffic Calming

- Street has a daily traffic of between 1,000 and 8,000 vehicles per day
- Intersections with entering volumes of at least 1,500 vehicles per day
- Street classified as minor collector or lower
- 85% speed is 5 mph above posted limit
- Road length of at least 1,000 feet
- Traffic calming petitions for streets which do not meet the above qualifying criteria shall be returned

Qualifying Criteria for Pedestrian Enhancements*

- Daily traffic > 1,000 vehicles per day
- 20 pedestrians per hour in highest hour or at least 500 feet from nearest crossing
- 85% speed is 5 mph above posted limit

* Project does may change width of travel lane but no horizontal or vertical deflections are used, e.g., curb extensions, warning signals, refuge islands)

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010

#457-08 ALD. LAPPIN AND SALVUCCI requesting discussion with NStar regarding the timely repair of City streetlights and the development of a standard response timeframe. [11/20/08 @ 12:51 PM]

ACTION: **HELD 8-0**

NOTE: City Solicitor Donnalyn Kahn updated the Committee on the Law Department's involvement with NStar regarding streetlight repair. Ms. Kahn recently met with Jeffrey Stevens, counsel for NStar, regarding the responsibility of repair of wires located between manhole and streetlight base.

Ms. Kahn stated that she and Mr. Stevens have identified the problem. Ms. Kahn explained that the City purchased the streetlights from NStar in 1999 through a purchase and sale agreement that includes a clause that states the City is responsible for repair of the streetlight from the base of the pole to the top of the pole. NStar does not believe that it is responsible for the repair of outages between the manhole and the base and will not make the repair unless the City pays a fee. It is illegal for the City to enter an NStar manhole and make repairs.

Ms. Kahn has requested further information from Mr. Stevens, such as information regarding the fees, before they meet again. It is Ms. Kahn's hope that NStar and the City can reach a resolution to the issue without going into mediation. Marc Lucas, NStar Customer Relations, added that he had spoken with Mr. Stevens after the meeting and Mr. Stevens felt that NStar and the City could reach a resolution without mediation. Ald. Lennon suggested that if the discussion turns to money for the repair, Ms. Kahn raise the issue of the number of streetlights that have been out for years due to this issue. Ms. Kahn responded that she has already reminded the NStar attorney and will use it in the future discussion.

The Committee held the item for further updates from the Law Department and Clint Schuckel, the Traffic Engineer.

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010

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

#457-08 ALD. LAPPIN AND SALVUCCI requesting discussion with NStar regarding the timely repair of City streetlights and the development of a standard response timeframe. [11/20/08 @ 12:51 PM]

ACTION: **HELD 7-0 (Danberg not voting)**

NOTE: Marc Lucas, NStar Customer Service Representative, joined the Committee for discussion of this item. The docket item is an ongoing discussion item that was last discussed on October 21, 2009. Mr. Lucas updated the Committee on the streetlights. There are eight street lights still out that were on the original list of light outages and an additional fourteen lights that need to be investigated. Mr. Lucas and Mr. Schuckel, the City's Traffic Engineer, have been working well together to solve outages regardless of the legal issues. Mr. Lucas stated that the on-site outage meetings continue and NStar and city staff work to determine what is causing an outage and repair the problem.

In addition, an NStar attorney has been in contact with the Law Department concerning whether there is any agreement between the City and NStar regarding whose responsibility it is to repair faulty wiring located between the manhole and the pole. Mr. Lucas believes that the City and NStar will enter into informal mediation to determine responsibility. The Committee would like additional information from the Law Department regarding the conversation with the NStar attorney. The Committee held the item in order to invite a representative from the City's Law Department to a Committee meeting.