

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

**7:45 PM
ROOM 209**

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- #352-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install 223'± of conduit in WOODWARD STREET from Woodward Street at Boylston Street northwesterly to Pole #478. (Ward 5) [10/01/09@ 2:12 PM]
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REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #399-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from sewer bonded indebtedness for the purpose of sewer improvements: \$125,000 each for Oakdale and Farina, \$135,000 for Irving Street; \$115,000 for Old Farm Road sewer improvement engineering/design. [12/01/09 @ 4:57 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]

It is the Chairman's intention to entertain motions to vote No Action Necessary or to refer the following items to the 2010-2011 Board:

PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR JANUARY 6, 2010:

- #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]
- #127-09 IRA KRONITZ requesting that the Board of Alderman rescind Board Order #289-03(4) dated November 20, 2006, relating to roadway modification plans for curb-line geometry changes to calm traffic at the intersection of Daniel and Jackson Streets. [04/28/09 3:48]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #289-09 ALD. PARKER requesting development of a property tax rebate program for households that opt for smaller trash containers. [09/08/09 @ 10:57 AM]
- #239-09 ALD. PARKER requesting a resolution be sent to His Honor the Mayor requesting that the Rumford Avenue Recycling Center be reopened as soon as possible. [07/07/09 @ 12:45 PM]
- #174-09 ALD. YATES proposing a Resolution to the Public Buildings Commissioner urging that the City apply for funding through the Fire Station Reconstruction Program established by the American Recover and Rediscovery Act for the reconstruction of the next scheduled fire station.
- #112-09 ALD. YATES requesting the City seek energy conservation funds from the American Re-Investment and Recovery Act to replace the energy inefficient boiler at the Emerson Community Center.
- #82-09 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting the Executive Department apply for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resource's Energy Audit Program for any and all municipal and school building facilities. [03/03/09 @ 1:19 PM]
- #309-08 ALD. BAKER AND DANBERG requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Public Works regarding street signage at intersections as well as signage and house number visibility in order to assist citizens and public safety personnel in locating addresses.
- #297-08 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to relocate Pole #223/5 on the westerly side of IRVING STREET ± 129' north of Commonwealth Avenue (Ward 7). [07/21/08 @ 11:02 AM]
- #241-08 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting an update on the progress of the design for the reconstruction of Needham Street. [6/13/08 @ 11:45 AM]

Re-appointment by Board President

#50-08 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Joseph Michelson, 94 Park Avenue, Newton be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/09. [01/17/08 @ 3:48 PM]

Re-appointment by the Board President

#48-08 ALD. BAKER 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 12/31/09. [01/17/08 @ 3:48 PM]

Re-appointment by Board President

#46-08 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Robert O. Smith, P.E., 55 Chester Street, Newton Highlands be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/09. [01/17/08 @ 3:48 PM]

#352-07 ALD. SANGIOLO AND PARKER request Turner Construction, Project Manger for the Newton North High School Project and the DEP representative overlooking this project to discuss the issues and concerns raised regarding asbestos removal, transportation and disposal for the Newton North site and also information on 5,000 cubic feet of loam being removed to the Elliot Street and Rumford Avenue Yards. [10/17/07 @ 11:54 AM]

#351-07 ALD. PARKER AND SALVUCCI requesting that the Department of Public Works create an inventory and inspection regimen of bridges and culverts less than 20' in length and develop a maintenance plan for all city-owned bridges including those over 20', as recommended by the Undersecretary of Public Works at the Executive Office of Transportation, Robert Rooney. [10/17/07 @ 12:11 PM]

#451-06 KEYSPAN ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 450' ± of 8" gas main in HULL STREET from the existing 8" gas main in Hull street at 90 Hull Street easterly to the existing 6" gas main in Hull Street at 60 Hull Street. All of which is to replace the existing 4" gas main in Hull Street, which is to be abandoned. [11/15/06 @ 11:19 AM]

#294-06 ALD. SAMUELSON requesting creation of a method for the collection of parking meter receipts to ensure maximum collection.

#280-06 ALD. SANGIOLO proposing an Ordinance to create a Building Committee made up of Finance, Construction and Building experts in addition to several Aldermen to oversee construction and renovation projects in all municipal buildings.

#226-06 ALD. LINSKY requesting discussion of initiatives in respect to monitoring of water meter readings to better inform water and sewer users of significant increases in usage.

- #178-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER, LINSKY AND ALBRIGHT requesting a report on the commissioning of Newton South High School.
- #159-06 PRESIDENT BAKER & ALD. SCHNIPPER presenting the City of Newton Energy Action Plan for review and such action that may be appropriate by the Board of Aldermen.
- #84-06 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting a waiver from the Board of Aldermen of surfacing materials used on the sidewalk of a public way in front of 161 Pond Brook Road, as provided in §26-47 of the City of Newton Ordinances.
- #424-05 ALD. SANGIOLO & HARNEY requesting an update from the School Department regarding the energy audit that was begun during last year's budget review.
- #467-04 ALD. YATES AND SCHNIPPER requesting a response from the Commissioner of Public Works to the findings of the Environmental Protection Agency that pollution enters the Charles River from Newton.
- #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.
- #246-04 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of the 25% design plan submittal for Walnut Street from Homer Street to Centre Street including a small section of Centre Street to Route 9.
- #178-04(2) ALD. LAPPIN requesting an update on progress and implementation of the construction information database.
- #104-04 ALD. YATES requesting a report from the Chief of Police as to how the ordinance prohibiting the blockage of sidewalks with snow can be more easily enforced.

REFERRED TO PUB FAC. AND PUB SAF & TRANS. COMMITTEES

- #35-04 ALD. SAMUELSON AND DANBERG requesting an ordinance amendment to Section 26-8 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2001 to require all property owners or residents to remove snow from sidewalks abutting their property.
- #522-03 ALD. PARKER AND LENNON requesting an ordinance amendment to improve enforcement related to snow removal.
- #289-03(6) JOHN S. MAYPOLE proposing a Resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works to install curb-line geometry at the intersection of Daniel and Jackson Streets as originally designed by the Traffic Engineer and approved by the Board of Aldermen on November 20, 2006.

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.
- # 94-99 RALPH S. ROBART 28 Richardson Road, Petition for Laying Out, Grading, and Acceptance of RICHARDSON ROAD from Route 9 northerly 180'+ to be the width of 30 feet.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #376-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY11-15 Capital Improvement Program, totaling \$140,377,285 and the FY10 Supplemental Capital budget, which require Board of Aldermen approval to finance new capital projects over the next five years.
- #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]
- #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]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 4-0-2 (Ald. Gentile and Mansfield abstaining) on 01-07-09
FINANCE APPROVED 2-1-3 (Ald. Gentile opposed; Ald. Parker, Lennon and Freedman abstaining) on 02/09/09

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]
- #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]
- #368-08 ALD. LINSKY requesting approval of the Board of Aldermen of the design for improvements affecting the area where Walnut Street, Lowell Avenue and Watertown Street intersect including a traffic island, curb extensions and the dead ending of Lowell Avenue. [10/14/08 @ 12:53 PM]
B) HELD 6-0 LOWELL AVENUE CLOSURE AT WATERTOWN STREET FOR TRIAL OF ONE-WAY ON LOWELL AVE. FROM WALNUT ST. TO WATERTOWN ST.

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, 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 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #147-08 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$359,400, including \$2,000 for legal costs, be appropriated from the FY'08 Community Preservation Fund's historic resources and general reserves, for a project to rehabilitate and expand storage space for the research library and archives at the Newton History Museum, to preserve the existing collections, and enhance public access to the collections. [04/01/08 @ 4:10 PM]
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION APPROVED 6-0 on 4-29-08

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 RECOMMENDED 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]
- #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]
- #345-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting that the contingency on smaller Public Buildings projects be increased from 5% to at least 8%.
- #155-06 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 360'±) to be the width of 45'.

ITEM REFERRED BY PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION:

- #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.

#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.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman

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If you have any other questions, let me know.
Have a nice weekend.
maureen

-----Original Message-----

From: Sullivan Shawna [<mailto:ssullivan@newtonma.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 11:24 AM
To: Carroll, Maureen
Subject: conduit

Good Morning,

Could you send me something in writing regarding the additional conduit by Friday? Have a nice day.

Regards,
Shawna

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PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chairman), Lennon, Albright, Salvucci, Yates, and Lappin

Absent: Ald. Gentile and Mansfield

Also present: Ald. Baker, Ciccone, Johnson, and Linsky

City staff present: Lou Taverna (City Engineer), James Marini (Superintendent of Schools), Arthur Cabral (Special Project and Budget Specialist; Public Buildings Department), Nick Parnell (Commissioner of Public Buildings), Heidi Black (Administrator of High School Construction and Strategic Planning; School Department), Sandra Guryan (Director of Finance; School Department), Dori Zaleznik (School Committee), Jonathan Yeo (School Committee) Danielle Bailey (Community Development Planner), Clint Schuckel (Traffic Engineer), Jim Danila (Transportation Engineer), and Shawna Sullivan (Committee Clerk)

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ACTION: **APPROVED SUBJECT TO 2ND CALL 5-0-1 (Albright abstaining)**

NOTE: Maureen Carroll, NStar Permit Representative, presented the petition to the Committee. The additional conduit will provide an additional circuit, which will improve capacity and reliability. The conduit would be installed underground.

Ald. Albright asked if it were possible to underground all of the overhead wires in the area, as the street would already be open. Ald. Salvucci stated that there would be a cost to the City if NStar underground the wires. Ald. Albright suggested that instead of undergrounding the wires NStar could install additional conduit for future use should the wires be undergrounded. Ms. Carroll responded that she could not speak to undergrounding the wires or the possibility of installing additional conduit but would provide Ald. Albright with contact information to obtain more information. Ald. Albright stated that she would contact NStar to determine what would be necessary to underground the wires.

Ald. Yates inquired how much of the City of Newton would benefit from the improvement to capacity and reliability. Ms. Carroll could not answer the question but will provide the Committee with further data on the improvements impact to the City.

City Engineer Lou Taverna pointed out that a section of Woodward Street was resurfaced in 2007. Therefore, NStar will be required to cold plane and overlay that section of Woodward Street as part of the street opening permit. He also stated that the project will require a police detail and will require a permit from Mass Highway to work on Boylston Street.

Ald. Yates moved approval subject to second call in the hopes that the requested information regarding the possibility of additional conduit and the area associated with improvements to reliability and capacity be provided to the Committee by the next Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion carried by a vote of five in favor and one abstention.

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from Church Street at Maple Avenue southerly to proposed Manhole #29138. (Ward 1) [09/22/09 @12:20 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED SUBJECT TO 2ND CALL 6-0**

NOTE: Maureen Carroll, NStar Permit Representative, stated that the petition is to install underground conduit in Maple Avenue to improve reliability and capacity. Ald. Albright asked if there were above ground wires on the street. Ms. Carroll stated that the wires for the street are underground. Ald. Lennon is aware of a problem at 200R Church Street, which is just beyond the scope of the proposed project. There is a utility pole located approximately 2' from the front door of 200R Church Street. The owners recently completed a renovation of the home and would like the pole moved. The owners have been working with Verizon to move the pole. Ald. Lennon thought that it would be beneficial for Verizon and NStar to work together to determine how to proceed with the movement of the pole. Ms. Carroll asked Ald. Lennon for the contact information of the property owners in order to have a customer service representative call the owners. Ald. Lennon did not feel it would be a good idea for a customer service person to call and suggested that a senior representative should be the person to make the phone call. Ms. Carroll will call the property owners and contact Verizon regarding the pole. Ald. Lennon moved approval of the item subject to second call, as he would like Ms. Carroll to make contact with Verizon and the property owners before the next Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion carried by a vote of six in favor.

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ACTION: **APPROVED SUBJECT TO 2ND CALL 4-0-1 (Albright abstaining; Lennon not voting)**

NOTE: NStar Permit Representative, Maureen Carroll, presented the petition to install 20' of conduit in Beacon Street and 140' of conduit in Wyman Street, which will add another NStar circuit. The additional conduit is needed to increase capacity and improve reliability within the NStar system. Ald. Albright inquired if NStar would be willing to provide additional conduit for possible future undergrounding of wire. Ms. Carroll stated that she would provide any information she can gather on that to the committee clerk, who can forward the information to the Committee. Ald. Schnipper asked how large an area would be impacted by the upgrade. Ms. Carroll will provide that information to the committee clerk. Ald. Yates questioned how long the project would take to complete. Ms. Carroll explained that the portion on Beacon Street could be done in a day. However, the Wyman Street portion could take up to two weeks to complete. The Department of Public Works recommended approval of the petition with the standard conditions. Ald. Yates moved approval of the item subject to second call in order to give Ms. Carroll the opportunity to provide the requested information by the next Board of Aldermen meeting, which carried unanimously.

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ACTION: APPROVED SUBJECT TO 2ND CALL 4-0-1 (Albright abstaining; Lennon not voting)

NOTE: Maureen Carroll presented the petition for a grant of location to install 285' of conduit in Woodward Street and 25' of conduit in Beacon Street. The new conduit will provide improved reliability and increased capacity to the NStar system. Ald. Yates voiced concern about traffic problems in Waban Square during the installation of the conduit. Ms. Carroll and City Engineer, Lou Taverna, stated that there would be a police detail during construction. Mr. Taverna explained that there would be several conditions added to the street opening permit.

Ald. Yates asked how NStar determined the need for improvements and additional capacity in an area. Ald. Albright inquired if NStar would be willing to provide additional conduit for possible future undergrounding of wire. Ald. Schnipper requested the sequencing of the NStar projects in the Waban area. Ms. Carroll stated that she would provide the requested information. Ald. Yates moved approval subject to second call, which carried unanimously.

From: Colorio, Christopher
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2009 11:10 AM
To: Carroll, Maureen
Cc: Lemos, William
Subject: RE: Questions

Maureen,

The maximum for these three locations is two and that is because the conduit path is from a manhole to a riser pole. One conduit will be occupied by the new circuit in 2010 and other will be empty (spare) for all three locations.

Thanks,

Chris

From: Carroll, Maureen
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2009 10:55 AM
To: Colorio, Christopher
Cc: Lemos, William
Subject: FW: Questions

Hi Chris,

I just got a call from Shawna (Board of Alderman's office) and in your response to question 1 about the maximum number of conduits per Nstar specs, she asked what is the maximum number and are there going to be any empty conduits?

Thanks,
maureen

From: Carroll, Maureen
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 8:55 AM
To: 'ssullivan@newtonma.gov'
Cc: Lemos, William
Subject: FW: Questions

Hi Shawna,

Here are the answers to the Boards questions. If you have any other questions, let me know.

Thanks,
Maureen Carroll
617-369-6421

From: Lemos, William
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 7:16 AM
To: Carroll, Maureen
Subject: RE: Questions

From: Colorio, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 11:54 AM
To: Carroll, Maureen
Cc: Lemos, William
Subject: RE: Questions

Maureen,

See in red below.

Thanks,

Chris

-----Original Message-----

From: Carroll, Maureen
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 7:21 AM
To: Colorio, Christopher
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Hi Chris,

At the public hearing the other night that I attended these were some of the questions that the Board would like answered. Could you please answer these so that I can get back to the board so they have these for the next meeting.

Thanks,
maureen

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From: Sullivan Shawna [<mailto:ssullivan@newtonma.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2009 3:04 PM
To: Carroll, Maureen
Subject: Questions

Hi Maureen,

Here are the questions from the Committee:

1) Would it be possible to install additional conduit in the petitions for Woodward Street, Wyman Street and Woodward Street at the Beacon Street end? Ald. Albright is the Chair of the Undergrounding Committee and her goal is to underground as many wires as possible. She is not looking to underground the wires right now but thinks that if you install the conduit now it will be easier when the time comes.

We are installing the maximum number conduits allowable per NSTAR construction standards at each location.

2) How great an area of Newton will benefit from the increased capacity and improved reliability?

This new circuit will improve reliability and increase capacity partially or entirely for the following streets in Newton:

- Evelyn Road
- Mary Ellen Road
- Paulson Road

- Fuller Road
- Tray Lane
- Coyne road
- Cotton Road
- Beethoven Ave
- Woodward Street
- Winslow Road
- Puritan Road
- Sagamore Road
- Chatham Road
- Plymouth Road
- Kingston Road
- Vaughn Ave
- Pinridge Road
- Plainfield Street
- Homestead Street
- Upland Road
- Allen Ave
- Erie Ave
- Chestnut Street
- Beacon Street
- Waban Ave
- Washington Street
- Commonwealth Ave
- Temple Street
- Myrtle Street
- Highland Street
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3) How long will each grant take to complete and will they be done simultaneously or in what sequence will they be done? (for the petitions that are in the area of Waban Square)

W.O. #1723788 Beacon Street and Wyman Street 7-10 days
 W.O. #1723784 Woodward Street and Beacon Street 3 weeks
 W.O. # 1723780 Woodward Street and Boylston Street 7 - 10 days

As far as what sequence or being done simultaneously Nstar can work with the DPW and determine what is in the best interest of the city for that area.

I think that covers the questions. Have a great weekend.

Regards,
 Shawna

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December 1, 2009

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Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from sewer bonded indebtedness for the purpose of sewer improvements that would otherwise be postponed until a future year. These projects were included in the original FY10 sewer budget but would require a greater rate increase than that which has been proposed if they were to proceed this year.

Oakdale sewer improvement	\$125,000
Farina sewer improvement	\$125,000
Irving St. sewer improvement	\$135,000
Old Farm Rd sewer improvement engineering/design	\$115,000

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

David B. Cohen
Mayor

DBC: srb

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Office of the Commissioner
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

David B. Cohen
Mayor

To: Honorable David B. Cohen, Mayor

Through: Sanford Pooler, Chief Administrative Officer
Susan Burstein, Chief Budget Officer

From: Thomas E. Daley, P.E., Commissioner *TD*

Subject: Proposed FY10 Mid-Year Water and Sewer Rate Adjustment

Date: November 30, 2009

Based upon discussions with the Public Facilities Committee and the Finance Committee regarding the above topic I hereby suggest that an item be docketed with the Board to bond the following projects that were initially budgeted to be paid for with cash out of the current FY '10 sewer operating budget:

- 1) \$125K Oakdale sewer improvement
- 2) \$125K for Farina sewer improvement
- 3) \$135K for Irving St. sewer improvement
- 4) \$115K Old Farm Rd. sewer improvements engineering design services

Total Construction Capital:
\$500,000

Please let me know if you have any questions.

CC: Fred Russell, Utilities
David Turocy, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works
Karen Griffey, Director of DPW Administration
Ryan Ferrara, DPW Chief of Budget and Finance

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Memorandum

To: Public Facilities Committee
From: Shawna Sullivan, Committee Clerk
Re: #351-07 Inventory and Inspection of City of Newton Bridges and Culverts
Date: December 4, 2009

The Department of Public Works has responded to the below request:

#351-07 ALD. PARKER AND SALVUCCI requesting that the Department of Public Works create an inventory and inspection regimen of bridges and culverts less than 20' in length and develop a maintenance plan for all city-owned bridges including those over 20', as recommended by the Undersecretary of Public Works at the Executive Office of Transportation, Robert Rooney. [10/17/07 @12:11 PM]

A report entitled "Inventory of Culverts" dated December 2008 is available for review in the office of the Department of Public Works. Unfortunately, the report is quite lengthy making it difficult to reproduce.