

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

7:45 P.M.  
Room 209

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ASSIGNED FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2002:**

- #314-02      KEYSPAN requesting a grant of location to install and maintain 200' of 4" gas main in OLD FARM ROAD from the existing 4" gas main in Old Farm Road at #170 east to Old Farm Road at Fairhaven Road.
- #315-02      KEYSPAN requesting a grant of location to install and maintain 250' of 6" gas main in LOUISE ROAD from the existing 6" gas main in Louise Road at Craftsland Road west to house 83-85 Louise Road.
- #316-02      KEYSPAN requesting a grant of location to install and maintain 60' of 4" gas main in HOWLEY AVENUE from the existing 3" gas main in Howley Avenue to 16 Howley Avenue.
- #317-02      BOSTON EDISON COMPANY d/b/a NSTAR ELECTRIC requesting a grant of location to install 46' of conduit at pole 21/6 running easterly on HYDE AVENUE at Garden Road.
- #318-02      AT&T BROADBAND requesting a grant of location to install 1-3" PVC conduit from Boston Edison Pole #149/9 to cross FARLOW ROAD and proceed in sidewalk area 450' to Boston Edison Pole #26/2 located on BEEHCROFT ROAD. Continue conduit on BEEHCROFT ROAD 185' and place 17"x30" vault and continue 125' and place 17"x30" vault.

**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- #90-02      VERIZON requesting a grant of location to install 705' of conduit and three 24" x 36" hand holes on BEEHCROFT ROAD, also place 225' of conduit on FARLOW ROAD with a lateral connection at existing pole 149/12.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITES & PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

- #181-02      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the Board of Aldermen approve a new agreement between the City of Newton and the Town of Wellesley that will allow the Town of Wellesley to continue to pump sewerage through Newton's Cochituate Aqueduct to the MWRA collection system in Brighton.  
RECOMMITTED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES  
ON 6/17/02

- #261-02 ALD. STEWART, BRYSON, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI, COLETTI, GENTILE, LINSKY, BULLWINKLE, YATES, SAMUELSON, MERRILL, BASHAM, FISCHMAN, PARKER AND GERST requesting the creation of a special committee of the Board of Aldermen to continually monitor the sewer problems, prepare periodic reports for the public on the actions being considered by the City to address the problem, and serve as an initial clearinghouse for information for Board of Aldermen and for citizens.
- #260-02 ALD. BRYSON, STEWART, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI, COLETTI, GENTILE, LINSKY, BULLWINKLE, YATES, SAMUELSON, MERRILL, BASHAM, FISCHMAN, PARKER AND GERST requesting: a public hearing on the sewer problems in Waban, Upper Falls, Lower Falls, Auburndale, West Newton and other neighborhoods on the north side of the city.
- #259-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an informational discussion of authorization of a lease for municipal parking purposes of property owned by NSTAR located on Homer Street immediately west of the Main Library parking lot.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #258-02 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion of feasibility and appropriateness of more progressive water/sewer rates.
- #257-02 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting a discussion of the state and federal laws that govern the shared use of utility poles, including a review of the standards and procedures employed in determining whether poles have adequate space and weight-bearing capacity to support the attachment of additional cables and wires.

**REFERRED TO PUB. FAC. & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #225-02(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$70,000 be appropriated from Parking Meter Receipts for the purpose of funding the FY03 street light account.  
**NOTE: LETTER RECEIVED FROM MAYOR ON 10/1/02 REQUESTING THAT THIS AMOUNT BE AMENDED BY \$87,000 FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$157,00 TO FUND THE STREET LIGHT ACCOUNT.**
- #213-02 VERIZON petitioning for a grant of location to place guy and anchor on the easterly side 53' southerly at existing pole 413/9 on Sumner Street.
- #212-02 NSTAR petitioning for a grant of location to install approximately 370' of conduit from pole 413/6 to 413/9 in Sumner Street and Commonwealth Avenue.
- #150-02 ALD. LENNON, GERST & MERRILL requesting the traffic island located on Jefferson Street, Newton Corner be named Jefferson Square.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #55-02 ALD. YATES requesting that the water/sewer discount rate be made available to homeowners who receive Fuel Assistance, Supplementary Security Income, Food Stamps, Supplementary Disability Income, General Relief, Low Income Sewer and Water Assistance, School Breakfast and Lunch and other income based State and Federal programs.
- # 47-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the *Report and Recommendation of the Needham Street Advisory Committee* for Board review and approval.
- #28-02 THE GERSSINFELD'S AND VIOLA'S requesting that Rogers Street, Newton Highlands be changed to Rogers Way as there is a duplicate street name in Newtonville.
- #439-01 TIMOTHY A. CLARK, ESQ., 97 Fessenden Street, Newtonville, appointed as a member of the Citizens Commission on Energy for a term of office to expire February 4, 2004 (60-day Board action date 02-15-02).
- #387-01 ALD. ANTONELLIS requesting discussion with Nstar regarding frequent power outages in the Highland Avenue area.
- #383-00 ALD. SALVUCCI requesting discussion with Boston Edison regarding double poles located throughout the City.
- #367-00 ALD. R. LIPOF requesting discussion on the clean up and repair of South Meadow Brook.
- #529-99 ALD. YATES & LIPSITT requesting His Honor the Mayor to submit an ordinance enabling the city to minimize the disruption of city streets by telecommunication providers, require the restoration of streets to prior condition at provider expense, promote co-location, and otherwise manage the city right of way in accordance with city rights under the Telecommunication Act.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #478-99 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$5,400,000, which funding will be long term debt as authorized by MGL Chapter 44, Section 8(7)(a), for the purpose of replacing water meters throughout the City.
- #309-01 ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income senior citizens.

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- #135-01 ALD. M. LIPOF offering a resolution urging His Honor the Mayor to hire an independent auditor to oversee and report monthly through the Mayor to the Board of Aldermen for the duration of the construction and renovations to the high schools.
- #80-01 ALD. LIPSITT requesting discussion of planning and decision-making process for renovations and decoration of City Hall and War Memorial buildings.
- #75-00 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing ordinance amendments related to right of way petitions, plans and permits as provided for in sections 23 and 26 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton.
- #146-99 GRACE J. VIGORITO, 33 Bencliffe Circle, petition for laying out, grading and acceptance of BENCLIFFE CIRCLE from Chaske Avenue to 730' to be the width of 45 feet.
- #341-98 ALD. CICCONE requesting establishment of an ordinance to require that all street design/redesign projects be submitted to the Board of Aldermen for approval.
- #128-98 ALD. PARKER, SANGIOLO, MERRILL, MANSFIELD requesting an adjustment to the water and sewer rate structure to allow rate relief for low-volume water and sewer users.
- #20-96 ALD. CICCONE requesting discussion with the Director of Utilities regarding there-implementation of the use of sprinkle/garden meters to measure outside water use for all residences citywide. Item recommitted by full board on 4/5/99

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman