

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chair), Linsky, Salvucci, Stewart, Mansfield and Lappin

Absent: Ald. Gerst and Yates

City personnel present: James Mula (Engineering Department)

#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.

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: Fran O'Leary, Keyspan Permit Representative, presented the petition to the Committee. The petition is to provide service to two homes on Old Farm Road. David Mamen, 183 Old Farm Road, spoke in favor of the petition. He is renovating his home and would like to convert to gas.

Mr. Mula stated that there are no conflicts with the petition. Ald. Salvucci moved approval, which was voted unanimously.

#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.

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: Fran O'Leary, Keyspan Permit Representative, presented the petition to the Committee. It is to provide heat, hot water and cooking for two houses on Louise Road. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Mr. Mula explained that there are no conflicts with this petition. Ald. Salvucci moved approval, which was voted unanimously.

#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.

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0 SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL**

NOTE: Fran O'Leary, Keyspan Permit Representative, presented the petition to the Committee. It is to provide heat, hot water and cooking for a house on Howley Avenue. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. The Department of Public Works has no conflicts with this petition but would like Keyspan to grind 1^{1/2}" and resurface to the midline of Howley Avenue.

Mr. O'Leary stated that the requirement for the patch is the length and width of the trench.

The Committee discussed conditioning the grant of location or approving the petition subject to second call. Ald. Salvucci moved the item subject to second call, which was approved unanimously. The Committee requested a reading from the Law Department and copies of the laws or standards regarding the requirements for resurfacing streets and a memo from Commissioner Rooney stating the DPW's requirements (attached) before the next Full Board.

#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.

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-1 (Salvucci Opposed)**

NOTE: Maureen Carroll, NStar Representative, was present for discussion of this item. This item was originally approved as a lateral crossing. Ald. Salvucci questioned whether this petition qualified as a lateral crossing as the conduit crossed the street. The Committee decided to handle the petition as a grant of location. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Ald. Lappin moved approval of the item, which was voted unanimously. A memo from Gayle Smalley regarding the definition of lateral crossings is attached to the report.

#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.

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0 SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL (Mansfield Not Voting)**

NOTE: Item #90-02 was discussed in conjunction with this item. Rick Ferrucci, AT&T Broadband Representative, and Gary Savignano, Verizon Representative, were present for the discussion of these items. AT&T and Verizon have been asked by NStar to remove their wires from the poles on Beechcroft and Farlow Roads because the poles need to be removed due to a legal action. Therefore, conduit needs to be placed in the sidewalk to provide services to the surrounding homes. AT&T and Verizon will work together so the sidewalk will only be opened once.

The public hearing was opened and several residents of the neighborhood spoke. Judith and Gerald Abrams, 30 Beechcroft Road, had several questions regarding the project. They asked if there would be any boxes placed on properties and if it would be necessary to dig up their yard. Neither Verizon nor AT&T is placing anything on the properties. When NStar installed conduit to the homes, they placed extra conduit in the properties for AT&T and Verizon so it will not be

necessary to dig on anyone's property. Mr. Abrams asked if the poles on Beechcroft and Farlow Roads would be removed. Only one pole will remain on Beechcroft Road. The Abrams questioned how the pole on their property would be removed. Maureen Carroll of NStar stated that a NStar Construction Engineer would contact the Abrams with that information. The Abrams would like the work to be done expeditiously and the street restored to its original condition. Mr. Mula explained that there is currently temporary patch on Beechcroft Road but the road will be permanently patched as soon as all work is completed. Beechcroft Road will also have new sidewalks.

Mr. Mahmood Niaraki, 78 Farlow Road, asked how the conduit would reach his house. It was explained that Verizon and AT&T representatives will discuss this with all residents of the area. Emily and Alfred Scott, 56 Farlow Road, submitted a letter through their daughter in support of the project.

Several Committee members asked if there was additional conduit for other service providers, such as RCN. Ms. Carroll explained that NStar had put additional conduit in and she would contact RCN regarding their plans for the area. Ald. Linsky asked that the item be approved subject to second call in order to get further information from NStar regarding RCN's plans. Ald. Salvucci moved the item, which passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll has since spoken with RCN and they will not be approaching NStar to place conduit in the area.

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

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0 SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL (Mansfield Not Voting)**

NOTE: See the above note for report on discussion of this item.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman