

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2002

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

Absent: Ald. Yates, Gerst and Mansfield

City personnel present: Dave Willet (City Engineer), Lou Taverna (Director of Utilities), Michael Rourke (Chief Administrative Officer), Gayle Smalley (Associate City Solicitor), Robert Rooney (Commissioner of Public Works) and Jose Cordero (Chief of Police)

CHAIRMAN'S

NOTE: There will be an informational discussion regarding the security plan for Waban Hill Reservoir.

#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 4-0 (Linsky Not Voting)**

NOTE: There was a public hearing and discussion regarding this item on September 18, 2002. The item was approved subject to second call in order to obtain information from the Law Department and the Department of Public Works regarding the standards for restoring streets. During the full Board it was revoted in Committee and held in order to discuss the street restoration.

Gayle Smalley explained that the City could not require Keyspan to pave to the midline, as the street is over five years old. The City Engineer, Dave Willet, has been in contact with Keyspan. Keyspan has agreed to mill and overlay 6' of the street to the curb. The Committee voted approval of the item unanimously.

#383-00 ALD. SALVUCCI requesting discussion with Boston Edison regarding double poles located throughout the City.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0 (Linsky Not Voting)**

NOTE: This item has been discussed numerous times and NStar and Verizon have been removing the double poles. The Committee felt that the issue was resolved. Ald. Salvucci moved no action necessary on the item and the Committee voted unanimously on the motion.

#367-00 ALD. R. LIPOF requesting discussion on the clean up and repair of South Meadow Brook

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0 (Linsky Not Voting)**

NOTE: This item has been discussed previously. There is no funding available in the near future to do an extensive repair of South Meadow Brook. General maintenance will be performed at regular intervals by the Utilities Department. Ald. Lipof understands the situation and feels that the item should be voted no action necessary. Ald. Stewart moved no action necessary, which passed unanimously.

#80-01 ALD. LIPSITT requesting discussion of planning and decision-making process for renovations and decoration of City Hall and War Memorial buildings.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0 (Linsky Not Voting)**

NOTE: A committee has been formed to address renovations and decorations to City Hall and the War Memorial. They will review projects and come up with guidelines. The Board of Aldermen will receive recommendations from the committee. Ald. Lipsitt is comfortable that the structure is there to address the concerns she had regarding the renovations and decoration of City Hall and the War Memorial. Ald. Lappin moved no action necessary, which was approved unanimously.

#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).

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0 (Linsky Not Voting)**

NOTE: The Board Action date on this appointment expired February 15, 2002. The appointee did not respond to several letters and telephone calls. The Committee decided to vote the item no action necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S

NOTE: The Committee began an information discussion regarding the security plan for Waban Hill Reservoir with the Commissioner of Public Works, the Utilities Director and the Chief of Police. There will be future docket items for funding the security of the reservoir. A consulting firm was hired to look at different ideas for a security plan. The Commissioner requested that the Committee enter into Executive Session. The Committee took a roll call vote (Schnipper, Stewart, Salvucci and Lappin in favor, none opposed and Linsky not voting) to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss this item. Notes were taken by the clerk and filed with the Clerk's office for any Alderman who might like to review that information. After the discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to return to open session.

The meeting was adjourned and all other items were held without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman