

CITY OF NEWTON  
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2002

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

Absent: Ald. Gerst, Yates and Lappin

City Personnel: James Mula (Public Works Department)

#426-02      BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR ELECTRIC requesting a grant of location to install 57'± of conduit at Manhole 3752 running southerly 210' north of St. Thomas Moore Road in COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0**

**NOTE:**      Maureen Carroll, NStar Representative, was present for discussion of this item. This petition is to provide service to Boston College. Mr. Mula referred the Committee to the grant of location form for his recommendations. Ald. Schnipper asked if all utilities had been notified regarding the future reconstruction of this portion of Commonwealth Avenue. Mr. Mula explained that it would be done at a pre-construction meeting. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the item, which was voted unanimously.

#427-02      BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR ELECTRIC requesting a grant of location to relocate nine poles: 73/7, 73/9, 73/10, 73/11, 73/12, 73/20, 73/30A, 73/38 and install a hip guy at pole 73/38 between Alderwood Road and Bennington Street.

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0**

**NOTE:**      Maureen Carroll, NStar Representative, was present for discussion of this item. The poles need to be relocated due to the reconstruction of Centre Street. Nine poles need to be moved various distances. The public hearing was opened and Mr. Chris Bauer, 642 Centre Street, spoke. He would like the pole in front of his home moved laterally two or three feet. He is considering putting a circular driveway and cannot do that with the pole in its current location. Ms. Carroll said that a NStar representative would meet with him to discuss this. The Committee pointed out that once the reconstruction of Centre Street is completed there would be a five-year moratorium on the street. It was suggested that Mr. Bauer contact the State and the City and apply for the curb cut before the reconstruction is done. Ald. Stewart moved approval of the item, which passed unanimously.

Ald. Mansfield moved reconsideration of the item due to the hip guy and anchor, which was not discussed. Reconsideration carried unanimously. The pole

opposite Mill Street is severely leaning due to the weight of the wires creating a strain on the pole. The proposed hip guy will go over the sidewalk and anchor in the edge of the right of way. The Committee felt that as NStar is putting in a new pole, a guy wire should not be needed. Ms. Carroll explained that even if the pole is new there will be a strain caused by the weight of the wires and the pole will eventually begin to lean. The Committee would like NStar to look at different alternatives to a hip guy. It was decided to separate the original item into two parts. The hip guy and anchor portion will become a new item. Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the pole relocations without the hip guy and anchor. The Committee approved the motion. Ald. Salvucci then moved hold of the hip guy and anchor, this was voted unanimously.

#427-02(02) BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR ELECTRIC requesting a grant of location to install a hip guy and anchor at pole 73/38 opposite Mill Street.

**ACTION:** **HELD 5-0**

**NOTE:** See above note.

#439-02 KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY requesting a grant of location to install and maintain 650'± of 4" gas main in EMMONS STREET from the existing 4" gas main in Pratt Street at Emmons Street southerly to Emmons Street at Maynard Street.

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0**

**NOTE:** Fran O'Leary, Keyspan Representative, was present for discussion of this item. The reason for the petition is to provide heat, hot water and gas for cooking to six homes on Emmons Street. Mr. O'Leary was unsure if the homes were new or not. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Mr. Mula was of the opinion that the street should be milled and resurfaced from the centerline to the curb, as there are no patches in the roadway. Unfortunately, Emmons Street has not been reconstructed in the past five years, so the City cannot require that the street be milled and resurfaced. Keyspan will be required to patch the trench and 12" on either side of the trench. Ald. Stewart moved approval of the item, which was voted unanimously.

#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.

**ACTION:** **HELD 5-0**

**NOTE:** This item was item was held, as Gary Savignano, Verizon Representative, was not available to discuss the item.

#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.

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0**

**NOTE:**

Maureen Carroll, NStar Representative, was present for discussion of this item. This item was held in June due to the five-year moratorium on Commonwealth Avenue. A letter from NStar stating that they will restore Commonwealth Avenue to the conditions on the street opening permit was attached to the agenda. The Committee felt that this was acceptable and Ald. Stewart moved approval of the item. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman