

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2001

Present: Ald. Salvucci (Acting Chair), Antonellis, and Mansfield

Absent: Ald. Gerst, Yates, Schnipper, and M. Lipof

City Officials Present: Tom Daley (City Engineer) and Jim Mula (Inspector, Engineering Department)

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

24-01 DON FISHMAN, 68 Littlefield Road, Newton Centre, appointed as the community representative pursuant to Sec. 5-56(i) on January 10, 2001 as a member of the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE for the duration of the Newton South High School renovations.

ACTION: **HELD RECOMMENDED 3-0**

NOTE: The Committee held the item as Mr. Fishman, the appointee, was not present for the discussion.

#160-01 BOSTON EDISON requesting a grant of location to install 175' ± of conduit at pole 1351/3 in BROADLAWN PARK southeasterly, approximately 40' north of Broadlawn Drive.

ACTION: **APPROVAL RECOMMENDED 3-0**

NOTE: Maureen Carroll of Boston Edison presented the petition to the Committee. The purpose of the grant of location is to provide service to a new condominium building located in West Roxbury. The Public Works Department has no conflict with the petition. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Ald. Mansfield moved approval of the item, which passed unanimously.

#161-01 BOSTON EDISON requesting a grant of location to install 80' ± of conduit at pole 475/26 in WOODLAND ROAD easterly, thence turning northerly approximately 40' east of Vista Avenue.

ACTION: **APPROVAL RECOMMENDED 3-0**

NOTE: Maureen Carroll presented the petition to the Committee. The petition is to provide electrical service to 216 Woodland Road. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. The Department of Public Works recommends approval of the petition with the condition that Boston Edison coordinates with Keyspan regarding street repair as Keyspan is required to mill and overlay half of the road during this construction season. This will require that Boston Edison do their work first and use flowable fill in the portion of the street Keyspan will be milling and paving.

Ald. Mansfield moved approval of the item with the condition, which passed unanimously.

#199-00(2) MFN requesting an amendment to Board Order #199-00 to relocate the conduit from the south side of Washington Street to the sidewalk on the north side of Washington Street

ACTION: **APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS RECOMMENDED 3-0**

NOTE: Nicole Barron of MFN and Fred Beaton of Adesta presented the petition to the Committee. In July of last year MFN received a grant of location to install conduit in the southerly side of Washington Street. Unfortunately, due to extreme conditions of ledge, MWRA pipeline and concrete panels under the street they will be unable to install conduit in the south side of the street. MFN is requesting an amendment to the Board Order to allow them to shift a portion of the conduit to the north side of the street in the sidewalk. MFN has performed tests on the portion of the sidewalk where the conduit will be placed and there is enough room to accommodate it.

The Committee was concerned about the disruption to the businesses located there. Nicole Barron stated that MFN will work with the businesses to create the least amount of disruption. There are two restaurants and a Dunkin Donuts, which are open in the evening. The Department of Public Works is in favor of placing the conduit in the sidewalk and reserving the space in the street for the City. The City Engineer explained that there are several conditions he would like to see placed on the grant of location. The conditions would require MFN to work at night between the hours of 9 PM and 7 AM, provide handicap access to business during open hours, notify and work with the business and restore the sidewalk to conform to Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and American Disabilities Act requirements including standard wheelchair ramps. The conditions of all previous board orders and street opening permits would apply.

The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Ald. Antonellis moved approval with the conditions recommended by the City Engineer. The item passed unanimously.

162-01 KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY requesting a grant of location to install 450'± of 4" gas main in GRAYSON LANE from the existing 6" gas main in Concord Street, southerly to the end.

ACTION: **APPROVAL RECOMMENDED 3-0**

NOTE: Fran O'Leary of Keyspan presented the petition to the Committee. The grant of location is to provide service to two homes on Grayson Lane. There is no conflict with the Department of Public Works however the street is in good condition. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Ald. Antonellis moved approval, which passed unanimously.

#268-00(5) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing that the Commissioner of Public Buildings present to the Public Facilities Committee and the Board of Aldermen at the Public Facilities Committee's next meeting, May 23rd, the site plans and other architectural drawings for the construction and renovation of the proposed 82,000 sf classroom wing at Newton South High School.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY RECOMMENDED 3-0**

NOTE: The item was voted no action necessary as there was not a quorum of the Committee and the Commissioner of Public Buildings will give another presentation in the upcoming weeks, which will include the classroom wing at Newton South High School . The Committee created another docket item, which will allow ongoing reviews of the plans and drawings for the proposed construction and renovations at both high schools.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#203-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$28,000 from personal services to the capital expenses account in the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of purchasing a large scale plan copier and scanner.

ACTION: **APPROVAL RECOMMENDED 3-0**

NOTE: Tom Daley presented the item. The Engineering Department desperately needs a quality plan copier and due to vacancies within the Department have adequate funds to purchase a new one. Mr. Daley provided the Committee with samples of plans made on the copier he is interested in purchasing and the copier presently used. The difference in quality between the proposed copier and the old one was immense. The new copier would allow plans to be scanned to a file system and linked to the G.I.S. system or similar computer system.

The Committee had no issues with this and approved the item unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#204-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$70,000 be transferred from the Department of Public Works supply account to a Sidewalk Betterments account in an effort to bolster the funds available to reduce the current 2-year sidewalk betterments backlog.

ACTION: **APPROVAL RECOMMENDED 3-0**

NOTE: Tom Daley presented the item to the Committee. At this time there is approximately \$76,000 in the account, which is not enough to cover the backlog of people who have paid cash or committed to a betterment. The cost of doing these betterments is \$214,000. With the addition of \$70,000, it will be much easier to take care of some of the backlog. The Committee had no problem with this and recommended approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Salvucci, Acting Chair