

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2001

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chair), Gerst, Salvucci, Yates, Mansfield and M. Lipof

Absent: Ald. Antonellis

City Officials Present: John Daghlian (Associate City Engineer)

#256-01 MARTHA H. WATT requesting a common sewer to be constructed in
HEREFORD ROAD from existing sewer main in Kent Road 68' southerly down
Hereford Road.

NOTE: PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0 WITH CONDITIONS

NOTE: The Associate City Engineer, John Daghlian, was present for the discussion of
this item. The Engineering Division submitted a memo recommending approval
of the item with the following conditions: 1) the street opening permit shall
specify the street repair method. 2) A sewer connection permit must be filed with
the Department of Public Works for #12 Hereford Road prior to the house being
connected. 3) The City of Newton will only be responsible for the maintenance
and replacement of the gravity sewer line from Kent Road to the proposed sewer
manhole at station 0+67. The City will not be responsible for the maintenance or
replacement of any portion of the force main.

The public hearing was opened and Ms. Martha Watt, 12 Hereford Road, stated
that the sewer line was badly needed as the septic system had failed. Her
daughter, Judy Lague, reiterated the need and explained that there is no room on
the property for a new septic system.

Ald. Salvucci questioned whether the neighbors had been asked if they were
interested in connecting to the sewer. There is one other house on the street,
which could connect and they are not interested at this time. Ald. Lipof moved
approval with the recommended conditions of the item, which was approved
unanimously.

#257-01 KEYSPAN requesting a grant of location to install and maintain approximately
200' of 4" gas main in SUTCLIFFE PARK, easterly to house #20.

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0

NOTE: Mr. Francis O’Leary, Permit Representative for Keyspan, presented the petition to the Committee. The installation is necessary to provide service for a new house at #20 Sutcliffe Park. The Engineering Division had no conflicts with the petition. The Committee questioned whether the other residents on the street had been asked if they were interested in converting to gas. Keyspan has surveyed the other residents of the street and there is no interest in converting to gas.

The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the petition, which was approved unanimously.

#258-01 KEYSPAN requesting a grant of location to install and maintain approximately 220’ of 6” gas main in TANGLEWOOD ROAD from the existing 6” gas main in Tanglewood Road at house #29, southerly to house #58 and 62.

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

NOTE: Mr. O’Leary presented the petition to the Committee. The installation is needed to service two new homes on Tanglewood Road. The City’s Engineering Division would like a commitment from Keyspan to permanently patch the previous main installation on Tanglewood Road. It is Mr. O’Leary’s belief that Keyspan is not responsible for the temporarily patched trench. The Engineering Division will further investigate the ownership of the trench (See Attached Memo). The Committee felt that they could approve the item subject to second call, in the hopes that this issue would be resolved by the Full Board meeting.

The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Ald. Lipof moved approval of the item subject to second call. The Committee approved the item unanimously.

#259-01 VERIZON requesting a grant of location to relocate #756/4, (2 feet from left to give way for driveway widening between houses #26/28 and #29/31, who sharing the 8’ wide driveway on JACKSON TERRACE. Verizon will relocate and replace the old pole a 45’, class 2 pole within 30 days after petition is approved.

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: Gary Savignano of Verizon presented the petition to the Committee. Mr. Savignano explained that the petition was due to a customer request to move a utility pole in order to widen a driveway. Both homeowners agree as to where the pole will be placed.

The public hearing was opened and Mr. Michael Tucci, 29 Jackson Terrace voiced his support of the petition. Ald. Lipof moved approval of the item, which passed unanimously.

#260-01 NSTAR requesting a grant of location to install approximately 35' of conduit northwesterly, approximately 135' south of Hammond Street at pole 190/5 in HAMMONDSWOOD ROAD.

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: Maureen Carroll of NStar presented the petition to the Committee. This petition is for underground service to a residence, which was requested by the homeowner. Presently, the NStar wires now stretch 135' from the pole to the home. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition. Ald. Lipof moved approval, which was voted unanimously.

#261-01 NSTAR requesting a grant of location to install 420'± of conduit in BEECHCROFT ROAD, northwesterly, approximately 192' northwest of Franklin Street at Manhole #4211.

ACTION: **HELD 6-0**

NOTE: Maureen Carroll presented the petition to the Committee. A resident of Farwell Road has utility poles located on his property and would like the poles removed. NStar must remove the poles, as there is no easement for them. Unfortunately, those poles service three homes on Beechcroft Road where there are no existing utility poles. NStar must provide service to Beechcroft Road using underground conduit.

The public hearing opened and Mr. Jerry Abrahms of 30 Beechcroft Road spoke on the petition. He is very concerned about how NStar will place the conduit on his property. The yard has just been landscaped and there is a stone wall on the property. Ms. Carroll explained that she could not address the concerns of Mr. Abrahms and that he would need to speak with a sales representative. Mr. Abrahms has been in touch with the sales representative from NStar but has not received the information he requested. Mr. Abrahms also stated that he would be willing to have a pole placed on his property to provide service to his home.

The Committee felt that there were too many unresolved issues regarding this petition to approve it. Ald. Salvucci moved hold on the item, which was voted unanimously.

#262-01 NSTAR requesting a grant of location to relocate five poles (447/212, 447/214, 447/215, 447/216, and 447/217) on the easterly side, 195' south of Longellow Road on WASHINGTON STREET and to relocate one pole (447/224) on the easterly side, 140' north of Beacons Street on WASHINGTON STREET.

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: Maureen Carroll presented the petition to the Committee. The relocation of the six poles is necessary to continue with the reconstruction of Washington Street.

The Committee questioned whether these relocations would result in double poles and were assured that no double poles should occur due to the relocations. Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the item, which passed unanimously.

#263-01 ADELPHIA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS requesting a grant of location to install fiber optic cable in existing Verizon conduit at the following locations:

CENTRE STREET: From the Watertown town line to Pearl Street; 316' ±.

PEARL STREET: From Centre St. to Thornton Street; 1,240' ±.

THORNTON STREET: From Pearl St. to Washington Street; 749' ±.

WASHINGTON STREET: From Thornton St. to Central St; 5,095' ±.

CENTRAL STREET: From Washington St. to Crafts St.; 1,726' ±.

CRAFTS STREET: From Central St. to Watertown St.; 190' ±.

WATERTOWN STREET: From Crafts St. to Bridge St.; 2,006' ±.

BRIDGE STREET: From Watertown St. to the Watertown town line; 2,085' ±.

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: Tom Mulkeen from Adelpia Business Solutions presented the petition to the Committee. Their fiber optic cable is going into existing Verizon conduit and the Committee was provided with the lease agreement between Verizon and Adelpia Business Solutions. This will require no street openings. The cable will be used to provide telecommunication services to business throughout New England and Newton in particular. Ald. Lipof moved approval of the item, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chair