



Public Facilities Committee Report

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Present: Councilors Leary (Chair), Norton, Laredo, Kelley, Crossley, Gentile, Danberg and Kalis

Also Present: Councilors Krintzman, Noel, Albright, Humphrey, Ryan, Wright, Greenberg, and Baker

City Staff Present: Commissioner of the Public Buildings Department Josh Morse, City Engineer Lou Taverna, Chief Operating Officer Jonathan Yeo, Co-Director of Sustainability Bill Ferguson, Director of Senior Services Jayne Colino, and Deputy Director of Public Buildings Alejandro Valcarce

#532-20 Eversource petition for grant of location in Lowell Ave

EVERSOURCE ENERGY petition for a grant of location to install 61'± of conduit from existing manhole #12902 in a southerly direction thence turning and continuing in an easterly direction to the property line at #360 Lowell Avenue.
(Ward 2)

Action: Public Facilities Approved 8-0

Note: Maureen Carroll, Eversource representative presented the request for a grant of location to install 61'± of conduit from existing manhole #12902 in a southerly direction thence turning and continuing in an easterly direction to the property line at #360 Lowell Avenue. This work will provide electric service to the solar panels in the parking lot of the Newton North High School.

Committee members asked the following questions:

Q: Has this section of roadway been repaved recently?

A: Lou Taverna, City Engineer explained that Lowell Avenue was last paved in 2014. The road has concrete panels underneath the pavement and the concrete panels were paved over with asphalt. Mr. Taverna noted that Eversource will need to properly restore the roadway as part of the street opening permit which will be issued by the Engineering Department.

Q: Are the flex posts still in that area of Lowell Ave?

A: Mr. Taverna explained that they may have been removed for winter and snow removal operations, but he will confirm this with the Commissioner of Public Works.

The public hearing was opened and with no member of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Crossley motioned to approve which passed unanimously.

Chair's Note: *The Committee met with the Programs & Services Committee to receive an update from the Commissioner of Public Buildings on the NewCAL project.*

Note: Please see the 01/06/21 Programs & Services Committee Report.

The Committee adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison M. Leary, Chair