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CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION

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POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION



City of Cambridge

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MEETING MINUTES

For Meeting of Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

Michael J. Lombardi Building (Basement Level)

831 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02139

Commission Board Members Present: Nicole Murati Ferrer, Stephen Lenkauskas and William Dwyer.

Meeting Started at 10:00 a.m.

Public Testimony Matters:

NOTE: All matters granted had, at a minimum, the following "typical conditions:"

- (1) Must obtain Electrical and Department of Public Works ("DPW") permits and comply with the provisions therein.
- (2) Must pay sidewalk preservation off-set fee.
- (3) Must coordinate site visit with DPW.
- (4) Must commence work within sixty (60) days of the grant and complete within six (6) months of the date of approval.
- (5) Must comply with any amendment City agencies make to the issued permits after the *Acceptance Without Reservations* is filed.

1. Continuation from December 21, 2017. Originally approved 2015-2016; updated plan. Work is ready to be done; enlarged manhole necessary. Overhead needs to come down. Revised plan showing enlarged manhole necessary. Nstar Electric Company, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Orchard Street – At Beech Street and northwesterly from MHC1199, a distance of about 94 feet – conduit.

Beech Street – At Orchard Street and southerly from MHC1199, thence turning southwesterly, and ending at MHC27319, a distance of about 81 feet – conduit.

Beech Street – Southwesterly from MHC27319, approximately 80 feet southwest of Orchard Street, a distance of about 91 feet – conduit. This work is necessary to supply power to 7 Beech Street (W.O. #1974483).

Present: Jacqueline Duffy, for the applicant; and Young Kim, Cambridge resident and abutter.

Documents considered by the Commission: Application and all documents attached thereto.

Summary: Mr. Kim, a resident and abutter of the area where the work is to be performed, raised a concern about the power source being enough. Specifically, he is concerned that the plans do

not account for growth and down the line a bigger generator or power source would have to be implemented negatively impacting the area/abutters.

Ms. Duffy represented she would check on the load letter and specifics of the power source to address Mr. Kim's concerns. Ms. Duffy asked for the matter to be further continued because she has yet to check on the progress of the Orchard Street portion of the project. The Commission asked for the work to be linked and do both the Orchard Street work as well as the one requested at the same time.

Decision: Continued (3-0).

2. **New Petition** Nstar Electric Company, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: **Cambridge Park Drive** – Northerly from MHC2826 approximately 60 feet southwest of **Steel Place** a distance of about 51 feet – conduit. This work is necessary to supply power to **35 Cambridge Park Drive** (W.O. #2178789).

Present: Jacqueline Duffy, for the applicant.

Documents considered by the Commission: Application and all documents attached thereto.

Summary: The Commission had previously approved a petition for an installation of three 5 inch PVC pipes. However, at the site meeting it was discovered they would need four. Therefore, the current petition asks for an additional 5-inch installation.

The Commission noted the grant for the three previously approved is now expired. Therefore, the applicant would have to amend the current petition and change it from 1 to 4.

Decision: Granted (3-0) the installation of four 5-inch PVC pipes with all typical conditions contingent upon the applicant submitting an amended petition showing the change.

***Note:** It was the intent to call the Mobilitie petitions individually. However, as the Commission discussed proper procedures with the applicant, all three petitions were referenced and discussed together. Therefore, the minutes are being combined.*

3. **New Petition** Mobilitie, LLC, 926B Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30309, for the following: **37-59 Emily Street** – Attach wireless backhaul transport equipment to an existing utility pole in the right-of-way along **37-59 Emily Street** with electricity connection.

New Petition Mobilitie, LLC, 926B Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30309, for the following: **Garden Street and Chauncy Street** - Attach wireless backhaul transport equipment to an existing utility pole in the right-of-way at the intersection of **Garden and Chauncy Streets** with electricity connection.

New Petition Mobilitie, LLC, 926B Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30309, for the following: **Sumner Road and Kirkland Street** - Attach wireless backhaul transport equipment to an existing utility pole in the right-of-way along the intersection of **Sumner Road and Kirkland Street** with electricity connection.

Present: Eric Kallio, for the applicant.

Documents considered by the Commission: Application and all documents attached thereto.

Summary: Mr. Kallio presented that for the Emily Street petition it had all licensing agreements with the utilities to attach the installation on the pole. He also explained that the proposed Emily Street installation included mounting an antenna of the same type and model installed in other communities and previously approved by the utilities. The Emily Street installation is the first installation in that neighborhood for them.

The Commission explained the process is to present the petition first and if the Commission approves, then the applicant moves forward to obtain licensing agreements from the utility companies. In addition, the Commission informed Mr. Kallio the applications were incomplete. The applicant must provide, no later than the hearing date, the notification to the abutters. The Commission wants to make sure that the abutters are properly noticed of the hearing because such installations generate a lot of interest and complaints. Finally, all petitions should have the Dig Safe number on them.

The Commission suggested to the applicant that in the future it would be helpful to present to the Commission information of other installations in the area (present and expected ones).

Decision: Continued (3-0) – applicant must provide abutter notification sent, Dig Safe number, and provide cut sheet of the Side Mount Antenna.

4. Commission approved (2-0) minutes of December 21, 2017.

Approval of Minutes:

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Date Minutes Approved: _____

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