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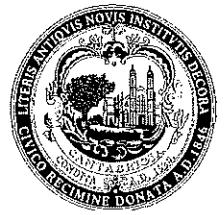
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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139



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POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION'S MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Michael J. Lombardi Building
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Carmelia M. Vicente Conference Room (Basement Level)
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Meeting Started at approximately 10:02 a.m.

Commission Members Present (All Present): Nicole Murati Ferrer, Stephen Lenkauskas, and Terrence James Shea.

License Commission Staff Present: Elizabeth Y. Lint.

Noticed Matters:

Matters may have been called out of the order in which they were listed on the posted agenda. The Commission first hears all matters where a member of the public that wished to be heard on a utility's petition is present.

Documents considered by the Board: As to all petitions, the Commission considered the application submitted to it and all documents attached thereto.

Decisions: When matters are granted with "typical conditions," those are:

- (1) Must obtain Electrical Department Utility Permit 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 the approval.
- (5) Must comply with any amendment City agencies make to the issued permits after the Acceptance Without Reservations is filed.

Note: All votes were 3-0, unless otherwise indicated.

1. New Petition (60359) Cambridge Department of Public Works, 147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA 02139, for the following: Bishop Allen Drive - 1) Install electrical and telecommunications conduits in Bishop Allen Drive (Douglass-Columbia block) and Massachusetts Avenue (Douglass-Sidney block) to support Cambridge DPW Parking Lot 6 Storage Tank Project. Construction to be performed by DPW Contractor Skanska and their subcontractor(s). Note that Bishop Allen Drive conduits are being located in the street right-of-way in order to not preclude future housing

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or other development of Parking Lot 6. Conduit will be installed during various phases of the work between current date and May 2020.

2) Install 2 new pedestrian scale lights, and associated conduit, in north sidewalk of Bishop Allen Drive to correct low light levels outside of St. Paul AME Church at #31-39 Bishop Allen Drive.

Present: Jerry Friedman, on behalf of the Department of Public Works.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This is part of the Bishop Allen Drive project. Work will be done during the day. The work on Mass. Ave. will be done over the winter and spring. They already have all other necessary permits.

Decision: Granted. Must continue coordination with DPW and the work being done.

2. Continuation from October 31, 2019, to have site meeting with DPW. (58610) Comcast, 426 E. First Street, Boston, MA 02127, for the following: 400 Main Street - Place new Comcast manhole over existing conduit on Carlton Street to access conduit. From newly placed MH, trench westerly +/-29' installing 1-4" PVC conduit to the property line of 400 Main Street. This will include the removal and replacement of one sidewalk panel.

Present: Anthony Vatalaro, on behalf of the petitioner.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and revised drawing submitted at the hearing.

Summary: This had been continued for a DPW site visit. DPW wants them to trench from the existing manhole as opposed to putting one over the existing conduit. There is a manhole in the middle of the street that is prepped for future buildings. 400 Main was not part of the SOMA project. The new route eliminates the addition of a manhole.

Decision: Granted based on revised plans with the new route, and with typical conditions.

3. New Petition (60350) Comcast, 426 E. First Street, Boston, MA 02127, for the following: 980 Memorial Drive - Place new 4'x4' Comcast manhole over existing conduit on University Road. Trench southwesterly +/- 87' to the property line of 980 Memorial Drive, installing 2-4" PVC conduit in the public way.

Present: Anthony Vatalaro, on behalf of the petitioner.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This is a guaranteed street that was just paved completely. There was discussion as to why two four inch conduits would be necessary. In addition, it is unclear that the location of the manhole is the appropriate one. The existing manhole turns in to 14 University Road, long before this location. They would have to trench the whole route.

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Decision: Continued to determine an alternative route, location of the manhole and to confirm the number of conduits necessary.

4. New Petition (60378) Comcast, 426 E. First Street, Boston, MA 02127, for the following: 14-16 Clinton Street - From Pole #9 on Clinton Street, property owner to trench 8' in the public way to private property line at 14-16 Clinton Street - installing 1 - 2" PVC conduit. This will include the removal and replacement of the sidewalk. Owner's contractor will complete all work.

Present: Anthony Vatalaro, on behalf of the petitioner.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: The homeowner wants the service to go underground from aerial. They are assisting with the trenching work to get to the property. It is minimal excavation and all on the sidewalk.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions.

5. New Petition (59780) RH White Construction, 41 Central Street, Auburn, MA 01501, for the following: 43 Brookford Street - Excavate and lay 4" Schedule 40 PVC underground conduit from pole to northeast corner of building for DSII phone line. Cable to be installed by Verizon.

Present: Chris Cheney, on behalf of the applicant.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This is a new service. There is service on the pole to a building that was demolished. Eversource will be the end user for the permanent service. The conduit has not been installed yet. Verizon has to petition for this. Verizon said no because Eversource is the end user. However, Verizon owns the conduit. They are also looking for a fire alarm for the property. There is no fire circuit on Brookford. They may need an easement. They are to coordinate with Tom Grandy.

Decision: Denied. Verizon must petition for the grant.

6. New Petition (60176) Harvard University, 784 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139, for the following: 109 Irving Street - Harvard University will be installing a fiber optic cable from Verizon Pole # 33 to 109 Irving Street. From Pole # 33 Harvard will be running the fiber optic cable back to 45 Francis Street (Andover Hall on the Harvard campus). We already have Harvard owned strand on these poles.

Present: Mark O'Brien, Petitioner.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Harvard is on the pole already. They have a license for this. They are going overhead in to the building at Andover Hall, and back to their strand at 45 Francis.

Decision: Granted; must obtain a sidewalk obstruction permit from DPW.

7. [Matter not listed on posted agenda] Discussion of overdue Acceptance Without Reservation Affidavits.

Present: Jackie Duffy and Rick Schifone, for the applicant.

Summary: There are 16 petitions which were granted and for which Eversource has not filed an acceptance without reservation pursuant to Cambridge Municipal Code 15.16.170. Eversource contended the issue was with the wording of the form but the wording used is exactly as it is laid out in the Municipal Code. Mr. Schifone represented he would work with their legal counsel to address the issue and ensure Eversource would not be relinquishing future rights. The Commission also raised the issue that Eversource is not starting/completing work in a timely manner and is not seeking extensions from the Commission.

Decision: Eversource will submit what they want clarified within one week. If nothing is filed, the grants will be revoked at the next pole and conduit meeting.

8. Continuation from October 31, 2019, for site visit, test pits, and 8M permit. (VP 58706) Nstar Electric Company, 10 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: JFK Street - Southwesterly from MHC2080, approximately 123 feet southwest of Brattle Street, install approximately 69 feet conduit.

Present: Jackie Duffy and Rick Schifone, for the applicant.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: The 8M permit was submitted but it has not been received. The property owner has changed the pick-up location and this will shorten the run.

Decision: Continued for the 8M permit to be approved and revised drawings to be submitted.

9. Continuation from October 31, 2019, to see if there is an application from Extenet. (VP 58700) Nstar Electric Company, 10 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: 1465 Massachusetts Avenue - Southerly from MHC187, at the intersection of Garden Street, install approximately 142 feet conduit.

Present: Jackie Duffy and Rick Schifone, for the applicant.

Summary: This may relate to an Extenet installation but the applicant does not have any further information and Extenet has not submitted an application.

Decision: Denied.

10. Consideration of Minutes for October 31, 2019 Meeting.

Decision: Approved (2-0).

Commission's Approval of Minutes:

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Date Minutes Approved: DEC 12 2019

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