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POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION

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POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION'S MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

This meeting was held by remote participation through Zoom, pursuant to Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, suspending certain provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A.

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

License Commission Staff Present: Dana Clarke, Administrative Assistant.

Advisor: Stephen Lenkauskas, Retired City Electrician.

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

Decisions: All votes, unless otherwise stated, were taken by roll call vote and were 3-0. 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.

1. **Continuation from January 28, 2021, for further coordination. (104731) Comcast, 426 E. First Street, Boston, MA 02127**, for the following: **14 Hurley Street** - Starting at Pole #6 on Hurley Street, trench and install 80' of (1) 4" conduit easterly to the private property line of **107 First Street**. Site is under construction.

Present: Anthony Vatalaro, Bill Conway, Jeff Hirsch.

Summary: The correct address for this petition is 22 Hurley Street (which has already been updated on the electronic record). This matter had been continued from the January meeting for further coordination, which occurred. The route was walked out with the developer and a change to remove the pole line, 3 poles, down to First Street was requested. The new plan was resubmitted.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions.

- 2. Continuation from January 28, 2021, for further clarification. It was recommended that this petition be combined with VP #102624, as one total route/path. (102617) Crown Castle NG East, 1800 West Park Drive, Marlborough, MA 01581**, for the following: **314 Main Street** - Starting at Verizon MH#26/21 on **Main Street**, trench and install (1) 4" conduit 8'+/- in an easterly direction to proposed 3'x3' Crown Castle handhole. from proposed handhole continue 19'+/- easterly then southerly to existing Eversource MH#774

Present: Bob Walls and Bill Conway.

Summary: This matter was continuation from January 28, 2021, for further clarification. It was recommended that this petition be combined with VP #102624, as one total route/path. The petition has not absorbed #102624. The petition is requesting an intercept with one of the conduits because Verizon not allowing any more break-in. The intent was to get to the building from the phone line and not their manhole. Now it just intercepts one conduit – wide fitting; going to cut it off and cap it. Public Works met on site to review, and did not see any issues with the proposal.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions.

- 3. New Petition (108520) Crown Castle NG East, 1800 West Park Drive, Marlborough, MA 01581**, for the following: **Museum Way** - Crown Castle is proposing to trench to bring fiber and power to an approved DCR node at **North Point Park**. Crown will install fiber & power from its existing manhole along **Museum Way** to the existing node. The project will consist of a dig to lay conduit for both fiber and power. The power feed will come from an existing manhole EMH #2481 and run 34' south to point A in the drawing, continuing 231' feet to the proposed 33" x 33" handhole. Fiber will run from a Crown Manhole run 76' feet to point A and continuing 231' feet to the proposed 33" x 33" handhole.

Summary/Decision: Prior to the meeting, the petitioner informed the Commission it had not noticed abutters. Matter will be heard at the March 2021 meeting.

- 4. Continuation from January 28, 2021, for further review. (105887) Verizon New England, 385 Myles Standish Boulevard, Taunton, MA 02780**, for the following: **731 Main Street** - Proposed 121' conduit placement in front of **750 Main Street** towards MH26-13. Proposed 70' conduit placement on **Osbourne Street** from **730 Main Street** to MH26-14.

Present: Ross Bilodeau.

Summary: Matter had been continued from January meeting for further coordination. Petitioner asked that the matter be tabled until further notice as there are some project changes that may affect what is being requested.

Decision: Take off agenda while the petitioner deals with project changes.

5. **New Petition (107101) Eversource Energy, 101 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 (WO#2340598).


Present: Jaqueline (“Jackie”) Duffy.

Summary: This petition was already approved on 12/12/19 (#58706) but Eversource needed to reapply as they did not start or complete the project within the required time frame. The 8M permit is missing but the work needs to be started as soon as possible as it is within a construction zone.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions, and the additional condition that the 8M permit must be submitted.

6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes.**


Summary/Decision: Commission not ready to approve minutes.

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Minutes Approved: May 20, 2021

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Minutes Posted: August 23, 2021¹

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¹ The minutes had been posted on June 17, 2021 but they were uploaded without the date stamp of approval or posting. Therefore, they were re-posted with the date stamps on this date.