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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139



POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor.

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

License Commission Staff Present: Cristina Casilli, Administrative Assistant.

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, unless otherwise indicated. 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. **New petition (244333) - Comcast, 426 E. First Street, Boston, MA 02127**, for the following: Linskey Way - Install (1) new 3'x3'x3' Comcast manhole over existing Comcast conduit on Linskey Way. From newly installed manhole, trench northerly 29' +/- to the private property line of 41 Linskey Way, installing (1) 4" PVC conduit.

Present: Bill Conway; and Shane Flewelling.

Summary: Comcast new service connection. To connect to a stubbed-out conduit.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions.

2. **New petition (244858) - ExteNet Systems LLC, 31 Chesterfield Road, Milton, MA 02186**, for the following: Windsor Street - The Applicant seeks permission to install a Small Cell Facility per plans submitted. This installation will include the following: an antenna mounted to the top of the pole; a shroud for radios mounted to the pole; and an electrical meter. The fiber connection will be done utilizing the existing pole lines.

Present: Keenan Brinn; and Chris Fridrich.

Summary: Small cell facility at Windsor Ave. Existing wood utility pole. Tapered antenna on top. 4x2 equipment box, the connection will be done aerial, no trenching. The original pole selection was done by the carrier, T-Mobile. Very small coverage footprints and the coverage trying to target is in this general area. Antenna to the nearest structure is about 9.1 feet away. Has a directional antenna on it. The main lobe of the antenna is steered away from the building. This is a double pole connection; applicant is aware they need to have double pole removed prior to installation. Verizon will provide the fiber aerially. This needs to be completed with the communications petition and Verizon also needs to petition showing the whole run. Volumetric sizes are within the small cell policy. No electric meters are allowed.

Decision: Continued pending submission of the aerial feed.

- 3. New petition (244982) - Eversource Energy, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143**, for the following: Tremont Street - Westerly from pole 672/13, install approximately 39' of conduit to 35 Tremont Street.

Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: This is for new service. Double pole prior to any conduit, existing pole would need to be removed.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions, and the additional condition that the double pole must be removed prior to any new installation.

[Matters Not Previously Posted on Agenda]


- 4. Board consideration** Verizon request for reimbursement of petition filing fee for 218593, 218592 and 218584, all of which were denied by the Commission.

Summary: The petition filing fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable. The cost of these petitions, as is any cost incurred or charged to a petitioner, are not for profit, they are to cover the City's expenses as to the review, filing and consideration of these petitions. The charges are not even close to covering the City's costs as to the services it provides for these. There is no reason to refund these fees. The petitions were heard and denied. Verizon contends they only filed because the Commission directed them to do so. However, there is no such evidence. The petitions to which these are related (218593 - Crown Castle Petition 188517; 218592 - Crown Castle Petition 188515; and 218584 - Crown Castle Petition 162020) had been granted and a review of the minutes and hearings show that there was no such direction provided from the Commission to Verizon.


Decision: Request for reimbursement of fees denied.

- 5. Consideration of Meeting Minutes** October 19, 2023.

Decision: Approved.

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Minutes Approved: January 25, 2024

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