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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139



POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor.

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

License Commission Staff Present: Cristina Casilli, Administrative Assistant; and Kris Foster, Executive Officer.

Decision Note: Due to the storm of February 22 into 23, 2026, and the state of emergency through February 24, 2026, the Commission decided to only address administrative matters and continue all matters to Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The two members of the public who appeared at the meeting, Beth Zeitlin and Ravi Raju, were allowed to speak and advised of the continuance of all matters. The same Zoom link will be used.

1. **IQHQ on behalf of the City of Cambridge** requesting an extension to complete the work on the following sites/grant of location #1158616 for Whittemore Avenue.

Decision: Granted six month extension.

2. **Crown Castle** requesting an extension to complete the work on the following sites/grants of location #1160971 for Lawrence Street, Vandine Street and Prentiss Street.

Decision: Granted six month extension.

3. **New petition (1196673) - FirstLight Fiber Inc.**, 12 Metro Park Road, Albany, NY 12205, for the following: Rindge Avenue and Cambridge Park Drive - Starting at Verizon MH 26/476 on Rindge Avenue, place 150 feet of fiber optic cable westerly to Verizon MH 26/594. From Verizon MH 26/594 continue 897 feet northwesterly to Verizon MH 26/595 on Cambridge Park Drive. The installation is through existing Verizon conduit, no excavation work.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

4. **New petition (1198384) - Comcast**, 426 E. First Street, Boston, MA 02127, for the following: Emily Street - On the southwest side of Emily Street, +/-200 feet from Brookline Street, mount (1) new 36.8"x24.3"x16" Comcast power supply unit to utility pole #36 to enhance existing Comcast equipment. This is essential to the Comcast network to avoid customer outages and maintain a fluid network as it expands throughout Cambridge.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

- 5. New petition (1198390) - Comcast**, 426 E. First Street, Boston, MA 02127, for the following: Chestnut Street - On the northeast side of Chestnut Street, +/-98 feet southeast of Brookline Street, mount (1) new 36.8"x24.3"x16" Comcast power supply to utility pole #146/15 to enhance existing Comcast equipment. This is essential to the Comcast network to avoid customer outages and maintain a fluid network as it expands throughout Cambridge.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

- 6. Continuation from January 22, 2026 to allow petitioner to submit the new route, updated plan showing the route and new conduit placements, and to allow utilities going into the conduits to submit their petitions (1176310) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Binney Street and Cardinal Medeiros Avenue

MAIN STREET and GALILEO GALILEI WAY - Install approximately 510 feet of 6-5" conduit from MHC2713 to new MHC31121 via new manhole, MHC32711. Install approximately 690 feet of 6-5" conduit from MHC2341 to new MHC31121 via new manhole, MHC32711. Install (2) new manholes, MHC32711 and MHC31121 in Galileo Galilei Way.

PORTLAND STREET - Install approximately 145 feet of (2) 6-5" conduits from MHC526 to MHC30 at Hampshire Street.

HAMPSHIRE STREET and CARDINAL MADEIROS AVENUE - Install approximately 30 feet of 6-4" conduit from MHC3203 TO MHC1142, 60 feet of (2) 6-5" conduit from MHC30 to MHC1142 and 190 feet of 6-4" conduit from MHC1123 to MHC1140.

CARDINAL MEDEIROS AVENUE - Install approximately 130 feet of 4-5" conduit from MHC1121 to MHC1140, 135 feet of (2) 6-5" conduit from MHC1142 to MHC1140, 125 feet of (2) 6-5" conduit from MHC1140 to MHC31, 215 feet of 6-5" conduit from MHC31 to MHC3276, 375 feet of 6-5" conduit from MHC31 to new manhole MHC32709, 90 feet of 6-5" conduit from MHC3276 to new manhole MHC32709; install one new manhole MHC32709; replace 2 existing manholes MHC1140 and MHC31. BINNEY STREET from CARDINAL MEDEIROS AVENUE to THIRD STREET - Install approximately 5375 feet of (2) 6-6" conduit, 181 feet of 6-6" conduit, 770 feet of 6-5" conduit, 626 feet of 4-5" conduit; install (1) new manhole need MHC32710; install (6) new special order manholes (A,B,C,D,E,F); replace (9) existing manholes.

THIRD STREET at BINNEY STREET - Install approximately 250 feet of 6-5" conduit from MHC2596 to MHC1375.

BINNEY STREET (ROUTE H) - Install additional (2) 4-inch conduits in the ductbank route from MHC133 to MHC1382, from MHC1382 to MHA, from MHA to MHC138, and from MHC1379 to MHC1386; install (1) 4" conduit from MHC1381 to the existing CNC handhole.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

- 7. New petition (1195672) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Columbia Street - Westerly thence southerly and then westerly from Pole 166/57, approximately 169 feet south of Lincoln Street, to private property at #309 Columbia Street, install one new manhole (MHC32844) and approximately 120 feet of conduit.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

8. **New petition (1195773) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following:

Corporal Burns Road - Install new manhole (MHC32830).

Concord Avenue and Corporal Burns Road - Northerly from manhole (MHC1663) in Concord Ave., to new manhole (MHC32830) in Corporal Burns Road, install approximately 63 feet of conduit. **Concord Ave. at Corporal Burns Road** - Easterly at the intersection of Concord Ave. and Corporal Burns Road, to private property at #401 Concord Ave., install approximately 55 feet of conduit.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

9. **New petition (1195864) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Cambridge Street - Southeasterly thence easterly then northerly from manhole (MHC337), west of Elm Street, to private property at #1103 Cambridge Street, install approximately 80 feet of conduit.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

10. **New petition (1195865) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Winslow Street - Southeasterly, thence southwesterly and then southeasterly from Pole 736/12, approximately 347 feet northeast of Sherman Street, to private property at #50 Winslow Street, install approximately 36 feet of conduit.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

11. **New petition (1196761) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Walden Street - Northeasterly thence easterly from Pole 697/21, south of Richdale Avenue, to private property at #70 Walden Street, install approximately 66 feet of conduit.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

12. **New petition (1197893) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Mellen Street - Southerly side, approximately 222 feet east of Massachusetts Avenue, install hip guy 10 feet behind pole 479/5.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

13. **New petition (1197761) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Cherry Street - Northerly thence westerly and then northwesterly from pole 621/22, on School Street, to private property pole 143/7-1A on customer's property at #35 Cherry Street, install approximately 179 feet of conduit.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

14. **New petition (1198135) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Clifton Street - Easterly thence turning northerly from manhole (MHC2830), approximately

420 feet west of Clifton Circle, to public way at #72 Clifton Street, install approximately 97 feet of conduit. Eversource to install switchgear SC534 with one transformer cubicle and a vault station transformer on the private property of the City of Cambridge, Rindge Avenue (Comeau Field).

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

- 15. New petition (1198387) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Jackson Street - Southerly thence turning westerly from Pole 394/15, approximately 130 feet north of Dudley Street, to private property at #96 Jackson Street, install approximately 52 feet of conduit and one manhole (MHC32847).

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

- 16. Consideration of Meeting Minutes** - January 22, 2026.

Decision: Continued to March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m., same Zoom link.

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Minutes Approved: March 5, 2026

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