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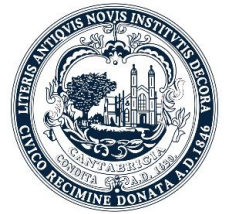
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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139



POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION [AMENDED]¹ MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 16, 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.

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

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

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. Continuation from March 5, 2026 to obtain information as to the cabinet size and confirmation it complies with limit dimensions on Small Cell Policy; and provide the Commission time to determine whether there should be any conditions attached to a grant for power/battery supplies (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.**

Present: Shane Flewelling.

Summary: Does comply with the small cell attachment – the cabinet color must match the pole (brown), and labeling for the emergency contact.

¹ Amended to correct Chair Murati Ferrer was present, and all votes were 3-0, unless otherwise stated.

Decision: Granted with the condition that the cabinet must be painted the same color as the pole, and it must have a label with the emergency contact.

- 2. Continuation from March 5, 2026 to obtain information as to the cabinet size and confirmation it complies with limit dimensions on Small Cell Policy; and provide the Commission time to determine whether there should be any conditions attached to a grant for power/battery supplies and provide the utilities sufficient time to remove the current double pole (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.

Present: Shane Flewelling.

Summary: Does comply with the small cell attachment – the cabinet color must match the pole (brown), and labeling for the emergency contact.

Decision: Granted with the condition that the cabinet must be painted the same color as the pole and it must have a label with the emergency contact, and double pole must be removed before any new attachments.

- 3. New petition (1202210) - Verizon New England,** 125 Lundquist Drive Braintree, MA 02184, for the following: Ellery Street - Verizon to place two 4-inch conduits 26 feet from existing manhole, MH207B, to an existing pole P0235/3.

Present: Bryan Simmons.

Summary: Two four inch conduits all in the sidewalk. This is for aerial presence on Ellery Street – this will be a future small cell. The Commission discussed how there is no “reservation” of space.

Decision: Denied.

Note: Matters 4 & 5 called together.

- 4. Continuation from January 22, 2026 to get more information as to why the requested number of conduits (1190746) - Verizon New England,** 125 Lundquist Drive Braintree, MA 02184, for the following: Broadway - Verizon to place 80 feet of conduit from existing manhole, MH26/84, to the property line at 75 Broadway.

Present: Bryan Simmons.

Summary: The petition was reduced to 4 conduits and a new plan was uploaded. MITIMCO to feed the buildings to internal streets and not Broadway – have other options available through internal site.

Colin Leary MITIMCO stated that they have spoken with DPW and Crown Castle to determine the route into 75 Broadway. DPW has pushed MITIMCO to look at Kendall Common – 6 areas as one

holistic master plan to feed the six buildings, and put together and complete minimal points of entry for 75 Broadway, through a route coordinated for the multiple buildings.

The point is to ultimately limit the point of entry to two locations – the current location and will be routing and servicing other buildings within the garage and that is the plan and put together – Broadway west bound closed and it is a perfect time to put these services in place so not to dig up the area again.

There was confusion as Commissioner Shea was not aware of the alleged coordination with other persons at DPW.

Decision: Continued to provide additional time for DPW to coordinate with MITIMCO.

- 5. New petition (1202226) - Crown Castle**, 4545 East River Rd, West Henrietta, NY 14586, for the following: Broadway - Crown Castle is proposing to install 145 feet of communication conduit and conduit (City shadow) from existing telephone MH 26/542 (42.36360385, -71.08640412) on Broadway and running onto private property (75 Broadway).

Present: Sarah Feely, Bob Walls, and Sarah Feeley.

Summary: Incorporate by reference and make a part hereof the previous petition as it is related. This one is for 2 conduits to serve two parcels.

Decision: Continued to provide additional time for DPW to coordinate with MITIMCO.

- 6. Continuation form March 5, 2026 to allow Petitioner to perform test pits to determine whether there is sufficient space for the manhole - there must be a 3 foot clearance from each the sewer and water main lines (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). *Westerly, thence turning and running southerly, thence turning, and running westerly from pole 394/15, approximately 130 feet north of Dudley Street to private property at #96 Jackson St, install approximately 51 feet of conduit and one (1) new manhole (MHC32847).*

Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: New description provided – modified the new manhole and test pits performed with 3 feet clearance from water and sewer line.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions and additional condition that there must be a 3 foot clearance from the sewer and water main lines.

- 7. New petition (1203161) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Cherry Street - Westerly thence turning northerly and then turning westerly 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.

Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: New electric service customer request 3 buildings, ten units. Elevation prior to coordinate DPW and City consultant before installation so no vertical conflicts

Decision: Granted with typical conditions and additional conditions: must coordinate with DPW and City Consultant prior to installation to ensure no vertical conflicts; and when Pole 22 replaced, the old pole must be removed prior to any new attachments/installations are placed on the new pole.

- 8. New petition (1203614) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Flagg Street - Southerly from Pole 265/10, west of Banks Street, to private property at #32 Flagg Street, install approximately 6 feet of conduit.

Summary/Decision: Moved to May agenda.

- 9. New petition (1203615) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Jefferson Street - Southerly from Pole 399/8, approximately 201 feet west of Marion Street, to private property at #32 Jefferson Street, install approximately 5 feet of conduit.

Summary/Decision: Moved to May agenda.

- 10. New petition (1204105) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Washington Street - Westerly from pole 709/50, approximately 90 feet west of Fisk Place, to private property at #390 Washington Street, install approximately 64 feet of conduit.

Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: New service at the customer's request for 4 buildings with 6 units.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions.

- 11. New petition (1204111) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following:
Hampshire Street at Tremont Street - Northwesterly from manhole (MHC2475), thence turning and running northerly onto Tremont Street to manhole (MHC32369), from manhole (MHC32369) to private property, install approximately 202 feet of conduit.
Hampshire Street - Install switchgear SC531 on the private property of the City of Cambridge at 147 Hampshire Street.

Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: Conduit on Tremont and Hampshire Street – electric service for the existing buildings and EV charging stations and new EV stations. This is an upgrade at the request of the customer, City of Cambridge.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions, typical conditions as they relate to EV charging stations, and additional condition of mill and overlay on Hampshire Street.

- 12. New petition (1204123) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Putnam Avenue - Northerly from manhole (MHC1537), at the corner of River Street, to private property at #277 Putnam Avenue, install approximately 56 feet of conduit.


Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: This is for electric service upgrade at the request of the customer. Falls on ongoing River Street DPW construction project, be expedited and completed by 6/15 of this year.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions, and additional condition that the work must be completed by June 15, 2026.

- 13. Consideration of Meeting Minutes** - March 26, 2026.


Decision: Approved.

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Minutes Approved: May 21, 2026

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Amended Minutes Approved: June 18, 2026

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