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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION

Thursday, May 17, 2012

10:10 a.m.

in

Michael J. Lombardi Building  
831 Massachusetts Avenue  
Basement Conference Room  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

William Dwyer, Superintendent of Streets  
George Fernandes, City Electrician

Elizabeth Y. Lint, Executive Director

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

ELIZABETH LINT: This is the meeting of the Pole and Conduit Commission, Thursday, May 17th, at 10:07 a.m. We're in the Michael J. Lombardi Building, 831 Mass. Ave. basement conference room. Before you the commissioners, Bill Dwyer and George Fernandes.

Minutes?

GEORGE FERNANDES: First item is the acceptance of the minutes of the meeting on April 12th.

Motion to approve?

WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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GEORGE FERNANDES: Any residents? Anybody here that's a resident to hear a petition?

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(No Response.)

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NSTAR ELECTRIC: FAWCETT STREET

GEORGE FERNANDES: First item is NStar electric for Fawcett Street from Concord Avenue northerly from manhole 1394 across the street a distance of approximately 55 feet of conduit. On Fawcett Street northerly of Concord Ave., a distance of approximately 1,513 feet of conduit and build five manholes, 29458, 29459, 29460, 29461, 29462.

SUSAN VARROSO: This got revised. We have a new one. There you go.

So some of these manholes we deleted and we're gonna use existing manhole and conduits and then just put one manhole.

JACQUI DUFFY: This is the one that we were going to go on Concord and then you told us we couldn't go on Concord. So now it's changed completely so we have to

1 resubmit it, but we were told to bring it  
2 today.

3 GEORGE FERNANDES: So, it's going to  
4 be basically the same thing other than  
5 eliminating manholes.

6 JACQUI DUFFY: Three manholes.

7 SUSAN VARROSO: Correct.

8 GEORGE FERNANDES: Three manholes.

9 When does this have to be started?

10 SUSAN VARROSO: I think they want to  
11 do this any time now.

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: So they're  
13 getting into their site?

14 SUSAN VARROSO: Yes.

15 WILLIAM DWYER: This is right in the  
16 area where the railroad tracks are in Fawcett  
17 Street, right?

18 SUSAN VARROSO: Yes.

19 WILLIAM DWYER: Where the bend,  
20 where the elbow is?

21 SUSAN VARROSO: Yeah.

1 JACQUI DUFFY: Yes.

2 GEORGE FERNANDES: I'm good with it,  
3 we just have to resubmit the drawing.

4 JACQUI DUFFY: The petition  
5 everythi ng?

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes. Because  
7 you're reduci ng it i nstead of i ncreasi ng it,  
8 so that's fi ne.

9 WILLIAM DWYER: Ri ght.

10 Just need to coordi nate wi th the Publ ic  
11 Works. Ongo i ng project that's i n that area  
12 now. Make sure i t works out. Other than  
13 that everythi ng woul d be fi ne.

14 So, same condi ti ons wi th the permi ts,  
15 ci ty permi ts, and SPOF regul ati ons and  
16 coordi nati on wi th ongo i ng Publ ic Works  
17 projects i n the area. The fol ks that come to  
18 the Monday morni ng meeti ngs can probabl y  
19 carry that out wi th the DPW and the  
20 contractors that are worki ng i n that area.

21 ELIZABETH LINT: Is there a SPOF on

1 that?

2 WILLIAM DWYER: It will be -- it  
3 won't be a SPOF per se because it's in an  
4 area that's being constructed and that part  
5 will be waived, but there will be some  
6 conditions they'll need to work on that are  
7 related to SPOF.

8 GEORGE FERNANDES: They will need to  
9 update their drawings.

10 ELIZABETH LINT: Yes, I got that.

11 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, motion to  
12 approve?

13 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

14 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

15 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

16 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

17 NSTAR ELECTRIC: HAMPSHIRE STREET

18 GEORGE FERNANDES: Next item is

19 Nstar Electric for Hampshire Street

20 northwesterly from manhole C191,

21 approximately 80 feet southeast of Amory

1 Street a distance of approximately 54 feet of  
2 conduit.

3 JACQUI DUFFY: This is the one we  
4 were waiting on for the historical society.

5 GEORGE FERNANDES: And they're fine  
6 with it. It's out of the district.

7 Any questions?

8 WILLIAM DWYER: No. Same thing.  
9 City permits, SPOF regulations.

10 GEORGE FERNANDES: Motion to  
11 approve?

12 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

13 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

14 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

15 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

16 LIGHTOWER: 33 GARDEN STREET

17 GEORGE FERNANDES: Next is Lightower  
18 to install approximately 265 feet of one,  
19 four-inch PVC conduit from private property  
20 at 33 Garden Street to private property at 27  
21 Garden.

1                   You were looking to lease conduit?

2                   RICK CALLAHAN: We tried.

3                   GEORGE FERNANDES: And that didn't  
4 happen?

5                   RICK CALLAHAN: No. We got to the  
6 ducts in the sidewalk were full. And the  
7 ducts in the street went way beyond where we  
8 needed to go.

9                   GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

10                  WILLIAM DWYER: Again, we have heavy  
11 coordination going on with the other NStar  
12 cooling system project.

13                  RICK CALLAHAN: Yeah, I spoke with  
14 Danny. I'm going to coordinate with him.

15                  WILLIAM DWYER: Keep that  
16 coordination going with the contractor,  
17 engineer, and also with the city. Again, you  
18 can do that through Monday morning  
19 construction meetings. And city permits and  
20 SPOF regulations which might be some  
21 mitigation as far as the paving which I think

1 you' re aware of.

2 RICK CALLAHAN: Uh-huh.

3 WILLIAM DWYER: Amenable to all  
4 those conditions and we'll work with you.

5 RICK CALLAHAN: Okay, very good.

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: Motion to  
7 approve?

8 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

10 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

11 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

12 NEW PETITION: LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS: 300  
13 BINNEY STREET

14 GEORGE FERNANDES: Next is Level 3  
15 Communications for the following manhole  
16 2900, Binney at Galileo 30 feet laterally to  
17 300 Binney Street.

18 MARK YOUNG HANSON: I'm Mark Young  
19 Hanson with EHB the engineer for supporting  
20 Level 3 and Boston Properties on the  
21 connection, and also the work at 300 Binney

1 Street which is the site that this connection  
2 will service. So we're looking to install  
3 four conduits from an existing Level 3 line  
4 in Binney Street directly into the 300 Binney  
5 Street building which is under construction.  
6 Level 3 is the petitioner, and we'll be  
7 supporting him as -- so we can mesh together  
8 the existing construction and the cuts that  
9 we had to support that with the extension of  
10 this new service.

11 Flet is the site contractor. And Flet  
12 will also be doing the connection for Level  
13 3.

14 Sorry, I'm with Ben Lavery from Boston  
15 Properties and Ben Whittaker who's  
16 representing Level --

17 BEN WHITTAKER: Ben Whittaker.

18 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

19 WILLIAM DWYER: DPW is good with  
20 this. Similar situation, Elizabeth, with the  
21 city permits and SPOF/mitigation and

1 coordinati on wi th DPW.

2 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, moti on to  
3 approve?

4 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

5 GEORGE FERNANDES: All i n favor?

6 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

8 MARK HANSON YOUNG: Thank you.

9 NEW PETITION: CI TY OF CAMBRI DGE PUBLI C WORKS  
10 300 BI NNEY STREET

11 GEORGE FERNANDES: Then we have same  
12 as for the Department of Publ ic Works,  
13 lateral connecti on to a sensor to a sani tary  
14 manhol e from 300 Bi nney Street to Galileo  
15 Galilei Way.

16 MARK YOUNG HANSON: Thi s one' s a  
17 little more interesting. As part of our  
18 desi gn and approval wi th Publ ic Works,  
19 they' ve asked us to include a sensor i n a  
20 existi ng manhol e to moni tor as to the level  
21 of the sani tary system so i t can acti vate a

1 tank on-site to provide capacity and protect  
2 the system slow characteristics during a high  
3 water event. And in order to do that we need  
4 to run a single conduit to this manhole to  
5 feed the sensor, and that conduit will be  
6 owned by the city and controlled by the city,  
7 but we will be installing it as part of our  
8 work. And so this petition is for the  
9 license for that conduit.

10 WILLIAM DWYER: I'm okay with  
11 everything.

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

13 Same conditions?

14 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes, same conditions  
15 and regulations.

16 GEORGE FERNANDES: Motion to  
17 approve?

18 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

19 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

20 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

21 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

1 MARK YOUNG HANSON: Thank you very  
2 much.

3 BEN WHITAKER: Nice seeing you  
4 again.

5 VERIZON: AGASSIZ STREET

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: Next is Verizon  
7 for Agassiz Street to install approximately  
8 four feet of one, four-inch conduit from pole  
9 80 over 7 to private property at 30 Agassiz.

10 This is the one we've been waiting for.

11 Yes.

12 ELLEN JOY: Ellen Joy.

13 GEORGE FERNANDES: Conditions?

14 WILLIAM DWYER: Same as previous.

15 GEORGE FERNANDES: Motion to  
16 approve?

17 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

18 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

19 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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1 NEW PETITION: VERIZON AMES STREET

2 GEORGE FERNANDES: This is Verizon  
3 from Massachusetts Avenue, install  
4 approximately 15 feet of one, four-inch  
5 conduit from existing manhole on  
6 Massachusetts Avenue into private property at  
7 1075 Mass. Ave.

8 ELIZABETH LINT: You skipped one.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: Did I?

10 ELIZABETH LINT: Ames Street.

11 WILLIAM DWYER: You skipped one?

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: I did.

13 So Verizon for Ames Street to install  
14 approximately 56 feet of four, four-inch  
15 conduit from manhole 26/388 northerly across  
16 Ames Street to 75 Ames.

17 That manhole in the driveway to the  
18 garage?

19 ELLEN JOY: On the street.

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

21 JAY PROUTY: No.

1 ELLEN JOY: This is 26/388 I believe  
2 is in the street.

3 JAY PROUTY: It's in the street in  
4 the front just north of that curb cut but it  
5 is somewhat in the curb cut area.

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: You have to make  
7 sure you coordinate with the garage.

8 ELLEN JOY: Sure.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: They'll need  
10 access particularly in the morning and  
11 afternoon; right?

12 WILLIAM DWYER: DPW, we know about  
13 this, same regulations and conditions as  
14 before.

15 GEORGE FERNANDES: Motion to  
16 approve?

17 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

18 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

19 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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1 VERI ZON: MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE

2 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, now we have  
3 Veri zon Massachusetts Avenue to i nstal l  
4 approxi matel y 15 feet of one, four-i nch  
5 condui t from exi sti ng manhol e from an  
6 exi sti ng manhol e on Massachusetts Avenue to  
7 pri vate property at 1075 Mass. Ave.

8 So that' s the new bui ldi ng at  
9 Trowbri dge and Mass. Ave.

10 ELLEN JOY: Yes.

11 GEORGE FERNANDES: Probl em wi th  
12 that?

13 WI LLI AM DWYER: No, we' ve been  
14 through thi s. I t' s good. Same condi ti ons,  
15 same SPOF regul ati ons.

16 GEORGE FERNANDES: Moti on to  
17 approve?

18 WI LLI AM DWYER: Seconded.

19 GEORGE FERNANDES: Al l i n favor?

20 WI LLI AM DWYER: Yes.

21 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

1 ELIZABETH LINT: That's all I've  
2 got.

3 GEORGE FERNANDES: Who's left here?

4 ANTHONY VATALARO: I love coming  
5 here.

6 ELIZABETH LINT: This is an add on.

7 JACQUI DUFFY: This is the Western  
8 Ave. for the police station.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

10 JACQUI DUFFY: It's not signed or  
11 notarized, but I did the petition and just  
12 brought it in. And I gave a copy -- three  
13 copies to Elizabeth.

14 ELIZABETH LINT: And I just gave you  
15 two.

16 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

17 JACQUI DUFFY: So next month I'll  
18 bring it in all signed and notarized. I just  
19 did it quick this morning because I got the  
20 plans.

21 GEORGE FERNANDES: So why are they

1           enl argi ng the manhol e?

2                   JACQUI DUFFY:   The manhol e?

3                   GEORGE FERNANDES:   The Western Ave.

4           enl argi ng the manhol e.

5                   SUSAN VARROSO:   Yes.

6                   GEORGE FERNANDES:   Why i s that

7           because of cabl es?

8                   SUSAN VARROSO:   It' s a sub-manhol e

9           right now I thi nk.

10                  GEORGE FERNANDES:   It' s a small one?

11                  SUSAN VARROSO:   Yeah, yeah, right.

12           Now i t' s -- I thi nk i t' s the

13           three-by-three-by-three?

14                  GEORGE FERNANDES:   Yes.   You

15           chargi ng us for that?

16                  SUSAN VARROSO:   I don' t know.   I

17           don' t know nothi ng about money.

18                  GEORGE FERNANDES:   We' ll fi ght about

19           i t later.   Okay.

20                  WILLIAM DWYER:   Do you know i f thi s

21           i s goi ng to be outsi de of the work zone they

1 have set up with the barriers? The  
2 alignment, do you know if it will be inside  
3 or outside of that?

4 GEORGE FERNANDES: This here?

5 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: Will be in the  
7 work zone, it will be in the sidewalk.

8 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes. That's what I  
9 thought.

10 GEORGE FERNANDES: But they're going  
11 to stage the building, and once they do that,  
12 they can't get in so they need them in there  
13 like last week.

14 WILLIAM DWYER: Just as a head's up,  
15 Western Ave.'s going out to bid in July, I  
16 think, to be all reconstructed from Mass. all  
17 the way down to Memorial Drive. So if  
18 anything comes up in that area, you want to  
19 get it done.

20 JACQUI DUFFY: Okay.

21 WILLIAM DWYER: It will take a year

1 -- it's not going to be constructed all this  
2 year but into next year. Just for a head's  
3 up. Any kind of petitions working out there,  
4 you want to get them out there now for  
5 Western Ave., because by then we'll have a  
6 period of probably 10 years of cutting the  
7 street after Western Ave.

8 GEORGE FERNANDES: You may want to  
9 look at your conduits since they've been  
10 there since 1929.

11 SUSAN VARROSO: I think Steve --

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: You need to check  
13 that.

14 ANDREW WINTERS: We have a work  
15 order.

16 JACQUI DUFFY: So are we approving  
17 this one and then bring it back in next  
18 month?

19 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes, because we  
20 desperately need --

21 JACQUI DUFFY: Right. And the only

1 other abutters -- there's three abutters and  
2 two on Cambridge. The only other one was  
3 just one.

4 WILLIAM DWYER: George Langlois.

5 JACQUI DUFFY: Sure.

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: The abutters are  
7 pretty far away anyway.

8 JACQUI DUFFY: Yeah.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

10 So for Western Ave. this is from  
11 Franklin, from the intersection at Franklin  
12 Street at Western Avenue, easterly from  
13 manhole C318, rebuild manhole C318 continue  
14 on to Western Avenue, a distance of  
15 approximately 175 feet of conduit.

16 Motion to approve?

17 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

18 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

19 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

21 ELIZABETH LINT: Same everything?

1 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes. List it like  
2 that anyway.

3 ELIZABETH LINT: Okay, Fairborn  
4 Circle (phonetic).

5 GEORGE FERNANDES: Fairwood Circle?

6 ELIZABETH LINT: Fairwood?

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: Fairwood.

8 ELIZABETH LINT: Okay, so Monday  
9 night at the Council meeting several  
10 residents spoke about a pole in the middle of  
11 the street and how unhappy they were and it  
12 was a dangerous situation and on and on and  
13 on. So we received a CRS yesterday.

14 GEORGE FERNANDES: So I'll ask --  
15 I'll get in touch with you. We need to meet  
16 down there and see what we can do.

17 ANDREW WINTERS: No problem.

18 JACQUI DUFFY: What street is it?

19 ELIZABETH LINT: Fairwood Circle.

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: Fairwood Circle.

21 It's a little cul-de-sac.

1                   ANDREW WINTERS: Famer?

2                   ELIZABETH LINT: F-a-i -n.

3                   ANDREW WINTERS: Fai nwood Ci rcl e.

4                   ELIZABETH LINT: Fai nwood.

5                   ANDREW WINTERS: Fai nwood, sorry.

6                   GEORGE FERNANDES: And I'll get

7                   tel ephone to joi n us because I revi si ted -- I

8                   vi si ted thi s before. No one wanted a pole in

9                   front of thei r house. And we're probabl y

10                  going to put two in place of the one in order

11                  to do thi s. So --

12                  JACQUI DUFFY: What's it off of?

13                  GEORGE FERNANDES: Fayette Street.

14                  WILLIAM DWYER: Fayette Street.

15                  Right near -- right off of 344 Broadway. One

16                  way from Broadway; right? 344's the traffi c

17                  department?

18                  JACQUI DUFFY: Oh, yeah, yeah.

19                  GEORGE FERNANDES: So I'll arrange a

20                  meeting next week and we'll go down and take

21                  a look and see what needs to be done.

1                   ANDREW WINTERS: I'm in the area  
2                   today and I'll shoot by there as well.

3                   GEORGE FERNANDES: I think somebody  
4                   backed into it again. I should tell them it  
5                   was a good thing it's a pole and not a  
6                   person.

7                   ELIZABETH LINT: There are a lot of  
8                   people that came in to talk about it.

9                   GEORGE FERNANDES: It can be moved.  
10                  It can be done.

11                  SUSAN VARROSO: Why is the pole in  
12                  the middle of the street? Was the street  
13                  moved?

14                  GEORGE FERNANDES: I think back in  
15                  1943 when they put that in, it was the best  
16                  way to do it because it's a little circle,  
17                  and you can't cross someone's property, some  
18                  have porches and you can't cross the porches.  
19                  So they put it in the middle and just fed all  
20                  the houses which made sense, it's a circle.

21                  SUSAN VARROSO: Oh, in the middle of

1 the circle? Okay.

2 ELIZABETH LINT: Doesn't make sense  
3 anymore.

4 SUSAN VARROSO: Okay.

5 GEORGE FERNANDES: It was there  
6 before my time, so I don't know.

7 ELIZABETH LINT: I thought you were  
8 here forever.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: That was there  
10 before ever.

11 WILLIAM DWYER: The problem is  
12 they'll want the whole street plowed. That's  
13 my excuse for not plowing the whole street.

14 GEORGE FERNANDES: Maybe that's what  
15 it is.

16 ELIZABETH LINT: Anything else?

17 GEORGE FERNANDES: Motion to  
18 adjourn?

19 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

21 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes, sir.

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GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

(Whereupon, at 10:30 a.m., the  
Police and Conduit Adjourned.)

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