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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

IN RE: POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION HEARING

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS:

WILLIAM DWYER, Superintendent of Streets

GEORGE FERNANDES, City Electrician

STAFF:

ELIZABETH Y. LINT, Executive Officer

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

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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, March 17, 2010. It's 10:20.

We're in the Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 831 Massachusetts Avenue, basement conference room. Before you are the commissioners Bill Dwyer and George Fernandes.

And you need to accept the minutes from the last.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

Okay, motion to accept the minutes of the meeting?

WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

ELIZABETH LINT: Of February 10th.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Thursday, February 10th at 10 a.m.

WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

Anybody here from the public want to be heard?

WILLIAM SNOW: 77 Hurley Street.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Why don't you come up.

WILLIAM SNOW: Okay.

GEORGE FERNANDES: We'll take that first.

WILLIAM SNOW: Excellent.

JACQUI DUFFY: That's the one on Lopez?

GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

This is NSTAR Electric off Lopez Avenue westerly from pole 3 approximately seven feet of conduit to the building.

JACQUI DUFFY: This is the increase of service.

Right now, Verizon and Comcast have been notified but we don't have them yet.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

WILLIAM SNOW: They made field visits to the building. I was there.

GEORGE FERNANDES: You are going

underground?

WILLIAM SNOW: Yes.

WILLIAM DWYER: They made what to the guild building?

WILLIAM SNOW: Comcast Verizon have been to the building.

GEORGE FERNANDES: What is your timeline for power there?

WILLIAM SNOW: Last week.

He's moving in. He can't, obviously, he can't move in. But he's scheduled to.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, when are they moving in?

WILLIAM SNOW: As soon as he can but ...

His dental equipment is coming next week. They are going to set it up. Maybe two, or three weeks at the most, that's what I'm thinking. That's if we can put the service in, that's the only thing holding us up right now.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, the building is fed overhead right now, telephone and cable?

WILLIAM SNOW: There's no phone or cable to the building now. All the drops have been cut off a long time ago.

The building is fed now from the Hurley Street pole, as noted on the plan here, it has a 60 amp service to the building now, single phase, which is ...

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, I guess the question is: Do we want to let him move forward with electric and see what happens with telephone and Comcast?

WILLIAM DWYER: What's the reason you didn't come sooner? Why are they running late, the other utility companies?

WILLIAM SNOW: Maybe ignorance on my part. I submitted the Boston Edison -- NSTAR paperwork not knowing that there were other factors involved. That may be my ignorance on that.

Where they came in and did field visits when they were called, I have no excuse why they

are not here. I don't understand that.

WILLIAM DWYER: Who is doing the installation on the sidewalk?

WILLIAM SNOW: I would.

WILLIAM DWYER: Name of your company?

WILLIAM SNOW: Snow electric. It's -- they are going to replace the sidewalks anyway.

WILLIAM DWYER: They?

WILLIAM SNOW: The contractors are replacing the sidewalk.

WILLIAM DWYER: Who is that?

WILLIAM SNOW: Purdy Construction. The building had all overhead doors, they all come out -- the sidewalks are all sloped. They are going to reset the curbs and pour sidewalks.

WILLIAM DWYER: Pretty reputable. No, they are fine. Yeah, I'm fine with that, commissioner.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. I will check with Verizon and Comcast to make sure that there's no issue with feeding from that pole.

WILLIAM SNOW: They did -- like I said they did come. They checked to see what was on the pole is what they needed and they all agreed everything was there. That Comcast is on the pole and adequate pairs for the phone is there. So they, like I said, they made -- they made field visits. I was there.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

So I would say we have to -- we could let this go and pending paperwork from Comcast and Verizon.

WILLIAM SNOW: How do we stimulate that paperwork?

GEORGE FERNANDES: We'll get in for the next meeting or prior to.

WILLIAM SNOW: I don't have to be involved in that, I'm done as far as that's concerned?

GEORGE FERNANDES: I'll contact them and if they have any issue, it will go back to you.

WILLIAM SNOW: That's fine. I mean, it's

out of my hands at this point unless they
contact.

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes. And Public Works
gets the discretion on what needs to be replaced
or repaired on the sidewalk.

WILLIAM SNOW: Like I said, the sidewalks
are going to be replaced because there was
overhead doors around the building and they are
all gone. So the sidewalks are all sloped and
they are going to bring up the curbs and replace
the sidewalks. That, I know.

There's also several new water mains and
sewer mains and sprinkler mains so it's got to be
done --

WILLIAM DWYER: I know it has been
ongoing.

WILLIAM SNOW: They have to be done
permanently.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. So on a motion
to approve?

WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

WILLIAM DWYER: Also the conditions -- I should have snuck this in beforehand. The conditions are city permits, SPOF regulations and any agreements that have been reached thus far, because I know we reviewed the work needed to be done, people at DPW have agreed to that.

So it will be permits and SPOF regulation that are the main are the main things.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

WILLIAM SNOW: Thank you very much for your time.

ELIZABETH LINT: You're welcome.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Next on the agenda is Fayerweather Street westerly side of Brattle Street, one steel stub pole, which is a guide pole.

JACQUI DUFFY: This was one -- the anchor guy was refused in December, and you said we had

to put a steel stub, that's why we came back.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, any concerns?

WILLIAM DWYER: No. Fine. Just regular conditions of city conditions and SPOF.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, motion to approve?

WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Yep.

ELIZABETH LINT: Any conditions?

WILLIAM.

DWYER: The city permits and SPOF regulations.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, next on the agenda, NSTAR, Columbus Avenue, westerly from pole 8 at the intersection of Harrison Avenue, a distance of approximately 42 feet - conduit.

This is for a City permit?

JACQUI DUFFY: City of Cambridge, yep.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Any concerns on this?

WILLIAM DWYER: Nope.

City permits.

ELIZABETH LINT: SPOF?

WILLIAM DWYER: That's it. Not on this.

City projects have no SPOF.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Motion to approve?

WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

Next is NSTAR Electric for Ware Street,
westerly from manhole 6718, approximately 15 feet
of conduit.

JACQUI DUFFY: Is it Ware or Beech?

GEORGE FERNANDES: Sorry. Beech next
one. Beech Street.

JACQUI DUFFY: This is a temp service for
St. James Episcopal Church. And Verizon and
Comcast aren't needed at this time for the temp.

GEORGE FERNANDES: This is going to be a
temp service?

JACQUI DUFFY: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Is this going to be their permanent service?

JACQUI DUFFY: No.

WILLIAM DWYER: From the sidewalk, correct?

JACQUI DUFFY: Yes.

WILLIAM DWYER: They going to put back the brick after they put the service or are they going to asphalt?

JACQUI DUFFY: I'm not sure.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Is this conduit to be removed?

JACQUI DUFFY: Afterwards?

FRED MARTINIS: Probably not.

If we do it now, it is going to stay there. Unless you request it be removed.

I think this is for the Lechmere -- the old Lechmere car wash. There's a new building coming in.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

FRED MARTINIS: They are going to have the permanent service will be a mount in the rear, so it will just come out of the -- it comes out -- I forget the name of the street, by the fire station.

WILLIAM DWYER: Blake.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Blake Street, yes.

FRED MARTINIS: I believe it comes out of there, come on the ground and go in.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

FRED MARTINIS: For the permanent service.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. Any conditions?

WILLIAM DWYER: I know we are -- we're in the midst of still reviewing this at DPW.

Well, to restore in kind any way at this point. Once the condominiums are placed, restore -- to restore the walk in kind and we'll note that two good-size trees are there, so they probably have to be involved with an arborist as they trench. They need an arborist from NSTAR

Electric to work with DPW with this and ...

And the conduit really should be removed.

GEORGE FERNANDES: And if it's temp service, it wouldn't be used in the future, right?

FRED MARTINIS: Correct.

WILLIAM DWYER: And the City permits and SPOF regulations should apply.

(Interruption by Mr. DeVito of Nardone Electric inquiring as to what is currently before the Pole and Conduit Commission - brief discussion off the record.)

WILLIAM DWYER: Okay, you're on the hot seat right away.

LOUIS DEVITO: I'm from Nardone Electric.

I'm Louis Devito.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, this is temporary service for the construction site?

LOUIS DEVITO: Correct.

GEORGE FERNANDES: So, the conduit gets installed, the conduit gets removed.

LOUIS DEVITO: Yes.

From the manhole? Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Then there's question on restoration.

WILLIAM DWYER: What do you plan to do for once there's conduit in the ground for the sidewalk?

LOUIS DEVITO: The sidewalk?

WILLIAM DWYER: Yeah.

LOUIS DEVITO: I don't think we would be responsible for that.

That would probably be the general contractor that would be responsible since he owns the fees to do all of this.

We were just -- we're trying to find out where the temp service is -- you know, how they are going to enter the property, NSTAR is going to enter the property.

You know, from what they told us, they are going to enter from the corner and come in two feet on the property line, like it says here,

and that's where they are going to put a handhole for us to either run conduits into the building or put up a temporary service somewhere on that site.

WILLIAM DWYER: So who is assuring the City that that sidewalk will be restored?

LOUIS DEVITO: It should be the responsibility of the general contractor, not us.

WILLIAM DWYER: How do I find that out?

LOUIS DEVITO: Not Nardone Electric. We don't own --

WILLIAM DWYER: Maybe they should have come down with you.

LOUIS DEVITO: Like I said, I don't know why they are not here.

WILLIAM DWYER: Okay.

LOUIS DEVITO: So you guys want to be reassured that everything is going to be restored to the way it was?

WILLIAM DWYER: We do.

I know we are working with the developer

on this project, so you still need to get a permit from the Electrical Department and Public Work. Not just Inspectional and -- I don't know if you will be involved with Inspectional. But Electrical and Public Works. And on the permit for Public Works, it will state that somebody, you folks, unless you name someone different on the permit, will be responsible for replacing that sidewalk in kind.

LOUIS DEVITO: Okay. If that's the way it is going to state it we'll take care of that own other end with the general contractor that's fine.

WILLIAM DWYER: Okay.

GEORGE FERNANDES: How long do you anticipate the temp service to be there before you get a permanent service?

LOUIS DEVITO: Before we get what?

GEORGE FERNANDES: Before you get a permanent service.

LOUIS DEVITO: A permanent service?

I'm not sure. I mean I know right now the project isn't slated to start until May 1, so I can't provide that information of the timeline the project. It's a relative large project so I'm not sure the way they want to do it with the phasing. I mean as soon as I get the frame up and get the electric room built, we can but the service in. But, obviously, it has to be built and fire rated.

GEORGE FERNANDES: So that's something that can be done with the Public Works permit?

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES:

WILLIAM DWYER: I'll make a note of that now, so I'll talk -- speak to the engineer who is overseeing that project for us.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. On the motion to approve?

WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

WILLIAM DWYER: Again, conditions that we

just spoke of and also City permits and SPOF regulations.

LOUIS DEVITO: All set? Okay.

I'm sorry I was late I thought the meeting was at the site. I went to the church. I apologize.

GEORGE FERNANDES: No problem.

LOUIS DEVITO: Thank you.

GEORGE FERNANDES: You are welcome.

LOUIS DEVITO: We are all set? We can go ahead and pull the permit?

WILLIAM DWYER: Yeah, you can apply for the permits, apply for the permits but you can't start anything.

LOUIS DEVITO: Electrical services and Public Works.

WILLIAM DWYER: Yeah, electrical. I may have misspoke on that inspectional. Public Works after electrical.

LOUIS DEVITO: Thank you very much.

WILLIAM DWYER: You are welcome.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Now, Ware Street.

NSTAR Electric from manhole 6718 approximately 15 feet of conduit.

JACQUI DUFFY: This is for Harvard housing.

GEORGE FERNANDES: It's an upgrade of an existing service?

FRED MARTINIS: A service upgrade to the apartments there. I think it is No. 11 through 15 or something.

JACQUI DUFFY: 9 through 13.

WILLIAM DWYER: Conditions will be similar with the replacement of the sidewalk that's disturbed and City permits and SPOF.

FRED MARTINIS: They are going to put a manhole. It is going underground, vault.

GEORGE FERNANDES: On the property?

FRED MARTINIS: Yes, underground vault.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Maybe it's a historical building.

FRED MARTINIS: That conversation came up

because we are, like, a block away.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Is that it?

ELIZABETH LINT: Is it still the same,
restoring the --

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Motion to approve?

WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor.

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

ELIZABETH LINT: Anything else?

GEORGE FERNANDES: Anything else from
NSTAR Electric?

(No response.)

GEORGE FERNANDES: Meeting adjourned.

(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at
10:38 a.m.)

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