

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLE & CONDUIT COMMISSION MEETING**

---HELD AT---

MICHAEL J. LOMBARDI MUNICIPAL BUILDING
831 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

Thursday, July 21, 2011

10:10 a.m.

WILLIAM DWYER, SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS
GEORGE FERNANDES, CITY ELECTRICIAN
STAFF: ELIZABETH Y. LINT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Stenographer was not at this meeting. Minutes were taken by Elizabeth Y. Lint.

- 1) This petition was continued from June 16st P&C meeting. Postpone until configuration of root. On hold per George Fernandes: Nstar Electric and Gas Company, 101 Linwood, Somerville, MA for the following: NSTAR Electric Company's "NSTAR North Cambridge to Putnam Cooling Return Line Project (Substation 509 to Substation 831, Cambridge MA) in Cambridge Streets.

Decision: Voted 2-0 to continue to August 18th P&C hearing. N-Star ☛North Cambridge to Putnam cooling. Return line project – not fully prepared to move forward.

- 2) This petition was continued from June 16st P&C meeting. Approved on June 16th P&C meeting subject to site meeting required. Put on July 21st agenda for posting. Nstar Electric and Gas Company, 101 Linwood, Somerville, MA for the following: Massachusetts Avenue – Northwesterly from MHC2689, approximately 100 feet northwest of Sidney Street, install about 18 feet – conduit. W.O. #1684720.

Decision: Was already approved 2-0. Nstar ☛Mass Ave. & Sidney—Salvation Army. Site meeting was held.

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- 3) This is a new petition. XO Communications, 89 Fulkerson Street, Cambridge, MA 02141 for the following Install (2) 4" PVC conduits approximately 91' from level 3 MH-00022 at 6th Street & Binney Street over to 301 Binney Street 6th Street side of Building.

Decision: Approved 2-0. XO Communication—6th & Binney, Rogers street over 6th to Binney, Biogen on 6th--manhole in brick sidewalk next to Cambridge Police Department. Rogers Street is a private way - enter into 301 Binney. Shouldn't have to remove brick. Wanted to go in on Rogers Street but 3 huge tanks are in the way. Need to cross sidewalk. Will restore to same or better condition. Bill requires site meeting prior to obtaining permits, SPOF. Jaya Naranjian will set it up. Main concern is with Cambridge Police Department.

- 4) This is a new Petition. Nstar Electric and Gas Company, 101 Linwood, Somerville, MA for the following: William Street – Northeasterly side, approximately 25 feet northwest of Magazine Street, install a steel stub-guy pole. W.O. #1832206.

Decision: Approved 2-0. N-Star ♣ William Street, NW of Magazine. City wants them to take tree down they need pole. There is a g_____ to the tree-have to secure poles. Permits and SPOF and site meetings with Jaya Naranjian. (Senior engineer) or permit desk.

- 5) New Petition: Nstar Electric and Gas Company, 101 Linwood, Somerville, MA for the following: Lowell Street – Southwesterly from Pole 451/11, at the intersection of Foster Street, install approximately 8 feet – conduit. W.O. #1828607.

Decision: Approved 2-0. N-Star ♣ Lowell St ♣ 8 feet conduit. Customer going from overhead to underground—service upgrade. Site meeting, permits and SPOF. Sarah Burkes, Cambridge Historical Commission is concerned about changes on public or private property. This is on private property. Half Crown Conversation District. N-Star needs to contact Historical Commission. N-Star gets permit for public way and brings to property line. We have no control over private property—no jurisdiction. Will trench sidewalk and return to same condition.

- 6) New Petition: Nstar Electric and Gas Company, 101 Linwood, Somerville, MA for the following: Palmer Street – Northeasterly from SNV0574 near the intersection of Brattle Street, install approximately 25 feet – conduit. W.O. #1823866.

Decision: Continued 2-0 to August 18th P&C meeting. N-star ♣ Palmer Street near Brattle; want to take service out of tunnel. All underground. Manhole on Palmer St—want to get out of tunnel—power to Coop. City gas line going through tunnel; taking wires from one transformer to another. This is an ART project. Service stops at North side of tunnel. Harvard Coop power coming across street. No fire hydrants; need to continue b/c has to go to Arts Council and please invite Historical Commission to any site visit. Shared street. George will invite necessary people to site visit. Pattern on street may not be feasible to do.

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- 7) **New Petition:** Comcast 55 Concord Street, North Reading, MA for the following: Trench 49' in the public way from existing Comcast manhole on Davenport St. Trench will include the removal and replacement of one sidewalk panel ending at 1937 Mass Ave.

Decision: Voted 2-0 to continue to August 18th P&C meeting. No show by Comcast representative.

- 8) **New Petition:** Comcast 55 Concord Street, North Reading, MA for the following: Trench 28' in public way from existing Comcast manhole in front of 1151 Mass Ave to private property line of 1151 Mass Ave. Trench will include the removal and replacement of one sidewalk panel.

Decision: Voted 2-0 to continue to August 18th P&C meeting. No show by Comcast representative.

Historical Commission is concerned with any changes to anything re: 1151 Mass Ave—cable TV service anything would be put back to original condition.

Addendum:

New Petition added on at this hearing but will be placed on August 18th P&C agenda for posting by Nstar Electric and Gas Company, 101 Linwood, Somerville, MA for the following: Cambridge Park Drive for the City of Cambridge's drainage system in Alewife area. N-star has conduits in roadway with major transmission lines in the way. Have to be removed. 3 wood poles and will trench from poles to manholes 2920 and 2637 to remove lines on a temporary basis. Once work is complete, poles will be removed. The roadway will be redone. Coordinate with DPW, permits and SPOF. Abutters are not an issue as they are well aware of the project. This was approved 2-0 and will be put on the next agenda for notice purposes.

Potential resident concerned with Next G installations and want to know City's plans to regulate further installations. Remington St. Property; fan in box makes noise—cooling box—only on in the summer. Expecting 2 more locations. DCR property (Memorial Dr. & two will be in East Cambridge). They service PCS.

Elizabeth Y. Lint, Executive Director