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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

IN RE: POLE & CONDUIT COMMISSION

George Fernandes, City Electrician  
William Dwyer, Superintendent of Streets

STAFF:

Elizabeth Y. Lint, Executive Director

-- held at --

Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building  
831 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

ELIZABETH LINT: It is the meeting of the Pole and Conduit Commission, Thursday December 15, 2011. It's 10:10 a.m. We are in the Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 831 Mass. Ave. basement conference room.

Before you the commissioners, Bill Dwyer and George Fernandes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: First item is to accept the minutes of the meeting from November 10th.

WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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NStar Putnam Cooling Return Line Project

GEORGE FERNANDES: The first item is NStar for the cooling pipeline, which I make a motion we continue it one more time. I

1 think NStar is about to select their  
2 contractor, and we're looking for a schedule.  
3 Once we get that, we'll give them an okay on  
4 this if we approve the schedule.

5 So a motion to continue.

6 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

8 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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11 NStar Palmer Street

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: Next is NStar  
13 Electric for Palmer Street continued from the  
14 November meeting. And that's install conduit  
15 from a vault near the intersection of Brattle  
16 Street, install approximately 25 feet.

17 SUSAN PARROSO: We have an inspector  
18 over there to Mass. Ave. and we can.

19 GEORGE FERNANDES: You can?

20 SUSAN PARROSO: Yes. We have the  
21 split conduits. All we have to do is conduit

1 from the manhole to the building.

2 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. I think  
3 that was the first, that was identified.

4 SUSAN PARROSO: At first, yes. But  
5 he said --

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: Check it out. Is  
7 he okay with that?

8 JACQUI DUFFY: We just found out.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. I don't  
10 think he is, but that's okay.

11 SUSAN PARROSO: At least we know we  
12 can supply it through that. Either way.

13 JACQUI DUFFY: So we're going to  
14 have to change the schedule on that one.

15 WILLIAM DWYER: Do we have to  
16 rewrite this on at all, George?

17 ELIZABETH LINT: I was just going to  
18 ask that.

19 GEORGE FERNANDES: No. It's the  
20 same proposal as you originally had; right?

21 SUSAN PARROSO: No, the one we had

1 was from Palmer Street in the back.

2 GEORGE FERNANDES: Oh, that's right.

3 You didn't submit one?

4 SUSAN PARROSO: No. Should we wait  
5 for the customer to decide which way he wants  
6 to go first?

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: I don't think he  
8 has a choice.

9 WILLIAM DWYER: That's our decision.  
10 We're not going to let him go from Palmer  
11 Street.

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: He can go to  
13 Mass. Avenue.

14 SUSAN PARROSO: Okay.

15 JACQUI DUFFY: All right, so we'll  
16 send him the e-mail then to let him know?

17 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

18 ELIZABETH LINT: And we'll need a  
19 new --

20 JACQUI DUFFY: Do you want to take  
21 this one off or do you want to continue? We

1 already paid, too, right?

2 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes. You need to  
3 just submit a new drawing.

4 JACQUI DUFFY: Yeah, so we'll  
5 continue it. So she'll just do the drawing  
6 from Mass. Ave.

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: So motion to  
8 continue and NStar will submit a new drawing.

9 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

10 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

11 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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14 NStar Linskey Way

15 GEORGE FERNANDES: Next item is  
16 NStar electric continued from November for  
17 Linskey Way conduit from manhole 2595,  
18 approximately 247 east of Third Street, a  
19 distance of 63 feet conduit.

20 JACQUI DUFFY: I think Comcast is  
21 only page 3.

1 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

2 JACQUI DUFFY: I mean, page 2 the  
3 thi rd one down.

4 ROBERT GLYNN: Good morni ng.

5 WI LLI AM DWYER: Good morni ng.

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: So on thi s  
7 peti ti on -- the NStar peti ti on was brought  
8 i n. We're wai ti ng for others, what i s  
9 Comcast. And thi s i s for the trench 168 feet  
10 from publ ic way at the i ntersecti on of Second  
11 and Li nskey Way. Devel oper i s responsi bl e  
12 for fi nal si dewal k panel s and street  
13 restorati on. Comcast trench wi ll be to code  
14 and ci ty specs.

15 WI LLI AM DWYER: For thi s?

16 GEORGE FERNANDES: They're comi ng  
17 out of the manhol e. Second Street down to  
18 here.

19 WI LLI AM DWYER: That' s what I  
20 thought i t was.

21 ROBERT GLYNN: Bob Gl ynn from

1 Comcast. I guess the original sketch there  
2 was an error on it. It was incorrectly  
3 stated, the footage. I have copies I would  
4 like to submit with the corrections.

5 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

6 WILLIAM DWYER: Is this for  
7 permanent or temporary service?

8 ROBERT GLYNN: I believe it's a  
9 permanent service. It's a new development I  
10 guess. New commercial development.

11 WILLIAM DWYER: Right. Temporary  
12 one was already approved; right?

13 JACQUI DUFFY: Yeah, that was  
14 approved a while ago.

15 WILLIAM DWYER: Okay.

16 I'm okay with the plan and design, but  
17 I can't say we're okay with the installation  
18 this year. I'm not sure what the plan was  
19 with the developer.

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: I think they're  
21 planning on starting that this winter. I

1 don't know if they need the utilities in  
2 there.

3 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes, we're okay with  
4 approving it as is, and then contingent upon  
5 maybe further meetings with Public Works,  
6 Electrical Department to work with them as  
7 far as installation goes, depending on  
8 weather and things of that nature.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: Sure.

10 Is there any Verizon with this?

11 ELLEN JOY: I am waiting for  
12 something from my engineer. He sent me  
13 something saying we're going to be doing work  
14 on Binney Street, and Jacqui happened to  
15 mention to me yesterday when we were in the  
16 field that there's a connection, but I don't  
17 have a petition plan from him to submit to  
18 you. So I'm trying to get that. So when I  
19 get back to the office today, I'll speak to  
20 his boss and see if there's a petition I can  
21 submit in January because I don't have

1 anything from him. Sorry.

2 GEORGE FERNANDES: I think we should  
3 continue this.

4 WILLIAM FERNANDES: Yes, I'm okay to  
5 continue this.

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: Continue it until  
7 we see what Verizon has as well.

8 So motion to continue?

9 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

10 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

11 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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14 NStar Second Street and Charles Street

15 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, next is  
16 NStar Electric for Second Street which has  
17 been continued from November 10th. And it's  
18 to install conduit from manhole 3264 at the  
19 intersection of Charles Street, at the  
20 distance of approximately 55 feet of conduit.  
21 Easterly from Second Street, a distance of

1           approximatel y 304 feet condui t.

2                   And you have Comcast on thi s as well ;

3           ri ght?

4                   We have Veri zon as well .

5                   ELI ZABETH LINT:   That' s the add on?

6                   GEORGE FERNANDES:   Add on.

7                   So Comcast you come off the same pole

8           as Veri zon?

9                   ROBERT GLYNN:   Yes.

10                  GEORGE FERNANDES:   27?

11                  ROBERT GLYNN:   Yes.

12                  GEORGE FERNANDES:   Okay.

13                  So Veri zon' s peti ti on i s showi ng

14           condui t approximatel y 36 feet from pole 27 to

15           the property, and i t' s the same for Comcast

16           as well .

17                  ROBERT GLYNN:   Excuse me, I thi nk

18           that' s i ncorrect.   I guess I' m comi ng off of

19           Charl es Street, the back side of i t.   I t' s

20           l i sted as pole No. 3 on the drawi ng.   So we

21           woul dn' t be the same pole.

1 GEORGE FERNANDES: You're pole 3?

2 ROBERT GLYNN: Yes, that's correct.

3 GEORGE FERNANDES: I had it as pole  
4 7.

5 ELLEN JOY: Well, Verizon's is pole  
6 625 over 27 on Second Street.

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: Second Street?  
8 Okay.

9 ELLEN JOY: And I believe Bob is  
10 coming off of a pole on Charles.

11 ROBERT GLYNN: Charles.

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: Charles Street.  
13 And it's pole 3?

14 ROBERT GLYNN: Pole 3, that's  
15 correct.

16 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. So Verizon  
17 is 36 feet of conduit in the public way from  
18 pole 27 on Second Street; correct?

19 ELLEN JOY: Yes.

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: So a motion to  
21 approve Comcast conduit.

1 WILLIAM DWYER: I'm a little  
2 confused.

3 GEORGE FERNANDES: Charles Street.

4 WILLIAM DWYER: Can we back up just  
5 for a second here?

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

7 WILLIAM DWYER: I've got that one.  
8 I've seen that one. I've seen this one.  
9 Yes, I've been out in the field and seen  
10 this. So there's no electric with this one?

11 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

12 JACQUI DUFFY: Yes.

13 GEORGE FERNANDES: We already had  
14 it.

15 JACQUI DUFFY: We were waiting for  
16 them.

17 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes, okay, this is  
18 what I mean.

19 GEORGE FERNANDES: And there's a  
20 piece on Second Street, too.

21 WILLIAM DWYER: That's what I

1 thought.

2 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. Motion to  
3 approve Comcast.

4 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

5 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

6 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

8 WILLIAM DWYER: What I need to add  
9 Elizabeth, is --

10 ELIZABETH LINT: SPOF, permits.

11 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes, or mitigation  
12 between the developer and the City, which I  
13 think we're in the process of that now if  
14 that hasn't already been established.

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16 NStar Charles Street

17 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. Next is  
18 NStar Electric. Motion to approve their item  
19 on Charles Street, the same property.

20 WILLIAM DWYER: Right.

21 GEORGE FERNANDES: Motion to

1 approve.

2 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

3 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

4 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

5 ELIZABETH LINT: Same conditions?

6 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes, sorry.

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: And third will be  
8 Verizon for the conduit on Second Street for  
9 the same property. This is an add on.

10 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes. Jump the gun,  
11 seconded. Same conditions.

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

13 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

14 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes

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16 NStar Tudor Street, Sidney Street

17 GEORGE FERNANDES: This is NStar  
18 Electric from November 10th meeting for Tudor  
19 Street. Tudor Street at and northwesterly  
20 from Sidney Street, turning and running  
21 southwesterly to private property, a distance

1 of 280 feet of conduit. Install one manhole  
2 29126 on Sidney Street at and southwesterly  
3 from Tudor Street to manhole 28407. A  
4 distance of about 31 feet of conduit.

5 JACQUI DUFFY: This is the one that  
6 was approved but we just had to update the  
7 plans.

8 GEORGE FERNANDES: Correct.

9 JACQUI DUFFY: We brought it with us  
10 the last time.

11 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

12 JACQUI DUFFY: We saw the plans were  
13 from 2008.

14 GEORGE FERNANDES: Did we determine  
15 they can go on Sidney street?

16 WILLIAM DWYER: They can go on  
17 Sidney Street, yes, to tie into the chamber.  
18 But Public Works still has some concerns. We  
19 really would like to look at -- we need to  
20 meet with the developer and the installer as  
21 far as running down the section of sidewalk

1 as opposed to using the street all the way  
2 down.

3 JACQUI DUFFY: Okay.

4 WILLIAM DWYER: Both on Tudor and  
5 Sidney. The same consideration and the  
6 conditions for approval.

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. So motion  
8 to approve and also decide whether to use  
9 sidewalk on a portion of Tudor and also on  
10 Sidney Street.

11 All in favor?

12 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded. And yes.

13 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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15 NStar Appleton Street

16 GEORGE FERNANDES: And next is NStar  
17 Electric Appleton Street, southwesterly from  
18 pole 15, approximately 50 feet south of  
19 Dunstable Road, a distance of about 47 feet  
20 of conduit, 1846687.

21 We also have Comcast for this?

1 JACQUI DUFFY: And they don't need  
2 Veri zon.

3 GEORGE FERNANDES: So pole 15.  
4 Okay, there's a double pole at pole 15 that  
5 has to come out.

6 JACQUI DUFFY: Uh-huh.

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: NStar's  
8 transferred so Comcast is here to transfer it  
9 and Veri zon. Conduit can't be installed  
10 until the pole is gone. It's in the regs.

11 So it's a Comcast transfer, Veri zon  
12 transfer, NStar removes the pole.

13 JACQUI DUFFY: So it's approved with  
14 the stipulation on the pole being removed?

15 GEORGE FERNANDES: Correct.

16 JACQUI DUFFY: Okay.

17 GEORGE FERNANDES: Motion to  
18 approve.

19 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

21 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

1 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

2 ELIZABETH LINT: Any other  
3 condi ti ons?

4 WILLIAM DWYER: It's going to be the  
5 same condi ti ons as the other ones, wi th SPOF  
6 and permi ts.

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8 ELIZABETH LINT: That's all I have.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: That's it.

10 Moti on to adj ourn?

11 ELIZABETH LINT: And there are some  
12 peopl e here.

13 GEORGE FERNANDES: Does anybody want  
14 to be heard?

15 JIM McDONALD: I had a questi on  
16 concerni ng 150 Second Street. Now that wi th  
17 thi s approved from you fol ks, wi ll the noti ce  
18 automati cally go out to the uti li ty compani es  
19 and then I can start to contact them?

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes, they' ll get  
21 a permi t from here and then they' re going to

1 go through the permit process for the City,  
2 but they could do the install but it's up to  
3 Public Works.

4 JIM McDONALD: Sure, perfect.

5 GEORGE FERNANDES: With conditions  
6 or whatever.

7 JIM McDONALD: Yes, understood.  
8 Thank you very much.

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

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