

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION

IN RE: POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION MEETING

POLE AND CONDUIT BOARD MEMBERS:

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WILLIAM DWYER, SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS, DEPUTY CITY ELECTRICIAN

STAFF: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELIZABETH LINT

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION MEETING

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELIZABETH LINT: This is a meeting of the Pole and Conduit Commission, Thursday, February 18, 2016. It is 10:30 a.m. We are in the Michael J. Lombardi Building at 831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room. Before you are Commissioners William Dwyer and Stephen Lenkauskas. Nicole is tied up on a conference call.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: First motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

CHAIR NICOLE MURATI FERRER: Yes.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Yes.

We have one resident to speak. Why don't we listen to the petition for Eversource, which is 1975 Mass Ave, but this was continued:

JACQUI DUFFY: We're going to continue it again because we don't have any answers about the --

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: I think we were looking for just to make sure that it met the requirements of any Special Permit.

JACQUI DUFFY: We have been on storm things so we haven't even done anything with it yet.

Can we continue it?

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Motion to continue?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Seconded.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All
in favor?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:
Yes.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:
Yes.

Would anybody like to speak about any
particular petition? A resident, Mr. Brandon.

MICHAEL BRANDON: Hi. I'm Michael
Brandon, 277 Pines Avenue. I'm the clerk for the
North Cambridge Stabilization Committee. And I
had come to see if the plans for the case that
you just were discussing had come through and
apparently they haven't.

I would ask, if it's possible, since it
could be delayed again, that if they be asked to
submit whatever drawings and renderings they are
going to produce in advance of the next hearing

so this doesn't happen again where the neighborhood sends representatives.

My understanding is that the developers are going to appear at a neighborhood meeting tonight, so some of the concerns that we've heard may be addressed then.

Another point that was raised was a question. This project is the main building at 1975 Mass Ave, but part of the project is behind that building, a single family -- I don't know how tall. Maybe two stories -- immediately behind that actually on Allen Street.

So I guess the question is: Is this requested service going to also serve that building, or will there be a separate application at some point to provide service to that lot?

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: I would think that the existing lot has service and there's no request at this point, other than, the

petition for 1975 Mass Ave, so we wouldn't know if there was anything coming forward unless there was another new building going in.

MICHAEL BRANDON: There's a new building going in and I -- I'm trying to think. I don't think there's anything on the lot. I think it had to do with zoning. I think maybe it's all the same lot, but for zoning reasons they could only put a smaller building in that rear zone, but it's definitely part of this project, as I understand it, in terms of the permits, the zoning permits, that were issued, there were a Special Permit, I believe.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELIZABETH LINT: But we can't address anything that's not before us.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: The only thing before us being continued is 1975 Mass Ave, and it has been continued until we get further information.

MICHAEL BRANDON: They would need separate from this, submitted later.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

If it's for a different address, yes, it would be treated separately as a separate address.

MICHAEL BRANDON: I think that's it.

Thank you again for continuing it. And if we could have advance notice and possibly copies of the plans in advance that would be helpful.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: I would also encourage any information that they do receive with any community organization at tonight's meeting that it also be forwarded. That may help.

MICHAEL BRANDON: We can definitely send along everything.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: It would make it clearer.

MICHAEL BRANDON: Tonight's meeting is with the Porter Square neighborhood and it's a different group. We cover all of North Cambridge, including Porter Square.

I also meant to send you in case you haven't seen it, I think I made mention last time that the City Council did pass an order requesting the City Manager to explore the problem of capacity, transformer capacity, power capacity, given the building boom going on, and there are several projects that have been held up at the last minute because planning wasn't done in advance. Plus, looking at Eversource and the other utility providers' ability to accommodate future growth.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Okay.

MICHAEL BRANDON: I'll try and send that along to the staff.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Sure. Great. Thank you very much.

MICHAEL BRANDON: Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELIZABETH LINT: I

should mention that X0 and Crown Castle have been continued.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: So the next petition is for the Cambridge Department of Public Works in regards to New Street.

State your name.

MICHAEL SANDERS: Michael Sanders,

S-A-N-D-E-R-S.

NEW PETITION:

CAMBRIDGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - NEW STREET

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

This is a new petition, Cambridge Department of Public Works, 147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, Mass 02139 for the following: New Street, installation of a 600 linear feet one 2-inch

concrete encased electrical conduit, a total of seven (7) ormilite cree edge lights, spaced at 65 linear feet and associated electrical handholes and light pole bases on the east side of New Street along the future pedestrian sidewalk to the Mayor Thomas W. Danehy Park entrance.

Installation of a 600 linear feet one two-inch concrete encased electrical conduit and associated electrical handholes and light pole bases starting at 75 New Street to Fresh Pond Mall parking lot to the west side of New Street. His petition is for New Street.

This is to accommodate the expansion and the redesign of New Street.

MICHAEL SANDERS: Yep, for DPW's redesign of the street. There's an existing streetlight conduit that will be in conflict of future drainage and other.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All

handholes would be out -- within the sidewalk off the street?

MICHAEL SANDERS: Yep.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

We're working with them as they go along if everything is okay with DPW.

Motion to approve with all typical conditions and continued coordination with Public Works and the Electrical Department.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Seconded.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All

in favor?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Yes.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Yes.

Thank you.

MICHAEL SANDERS: Thanks.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Comcast.

ANTHONY VATALARO: Good morning. Anthony Vatalaro, V-A-T-A-L-A-R-O.

NEW PETITION:

COMCAST - 149 ALEWIFE BROOK PARKWAY

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

First petition for Comcast is for 149 Alewife Brook Parkway, from existing Comcast Pedestal, trench 22 inches in the public way southwesterly to the private property of 149 Alewife Brook Parkway. Installing one 4-inch PVC conduit. This will include the removal and replacement of two sidewalk panels. Remaining 175 feet of trench is on private property to get to pole line, 213 feet of aerial construction on private property. This is off the street. It's all in that walkway.

ANTHONY VATALARO: Yes. That's like a --

I think that's the new Rindge Ave.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

It's the old Rindge Ave extension, I believe.

ANTHONY VATALARO: It's all sidewalk and grass. So we would probably work from the parking lot side.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

I think you're still in the public way, though.

ANTHONY VATALARO: That section is public way.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

DPW has no major issues. Nothing we won't be able to solve with a quick construction meeting, but we're all good to go.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Motion to approve all typical conditions and meetings with DPW and permits from electrical and DPW?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Seconded.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All
in favor?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:
Yes.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:
Yes.

**NEW PETITION:
COMCAST - 71 CONCORD AVE**

Also Comcast for 711 Concord Avenue to
place one new underground vault over existing
Comcast conduit in the sidewalk. Place one
4-inch PVC conduit to the private property line
of 711 Concord Avenue. This will include the
removal and replacement of one sidewalk panel.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:
711, right?

ANTHONY VATALARO: It gets confusing.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

No issues.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Motion to approve.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Seconded.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All
typical conditions with DPW and electrical.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Seconded.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All
in favor?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Yes.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Yes.

NEW PETITION:

COMCAST - 200 CONCORD AVENUE

Also Comcast for 200 Concord Avenue place
new Comcast manhole over existing underground

conduit on Huron Avenue. Trench 104 feet southeasterly in the public way to the property line of 200 Concord Avenue. Installing eleven 4-inch PVC conduit. This will include the removal and replacement of one sidewalk panel.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

You're not going to tear up that bike path? Are you going that far out into the --

ANTHONY VATALARO: No bike path there now.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Yes, there is.

ANTHONY VATALARO: Bike path?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Bike lane.

ANTHONY VATALARO: It's -- I don't think that road is done yet.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

It's all binder, I believe. That's the

intersection of Huron and Concord.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Am I looking at the wrong one?

ANTHONY VATALARO: 200 Concord.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

I'm sorry.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Opposite.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

I'm sorry. I had the wrong Concord.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELIZABETH LINT: We

have a lot of Concord Avenues.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

That's the building.

ANTHONY VATALARO: That's Sarah's Market.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

There's no bike lane up there, that's correct.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: Not

yet.

ANTHONY VATALARO: Not yet.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Just getting you ready for the future.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Motion to approve with all typical conditions.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Public Works has no issues with this.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All

typical conditions.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Seconded.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All

in favor?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Yes.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Yes.

NEW PETITION:

COMCAST - 701 CONCORD AVENUE

Also Comcast for 701 Concord Avenue, place one new underground vault over existing Comcast conduit in sidewalk. Place one 4-inch PVC conduit to the private property line of 701 Concord Avenue. This will include the removal and replacement of one sidewalk panel. This is similar to the 711.

ANTHONY VATALARO: Yeah. So if your question was, I know how you have the bike lane and the sidewalk, our conduit is in the concrete portion of that sidewalk, not the bike lane.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:
Good.

ANTHONY VATALARO: For both.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:
That makes both our jobs a lot easier.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:
Motion to approve with all typical conditions, permits from Public Works and electrical?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Seconded.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All

in favor?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Yes.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Yes.

NEW PETITION:

COMCAST - 343 WESTERN AVENUE

Also Comcast for 343 Western Avenue from existing Comcast manhole trench 8 feet easterly in the public way to the property line of 343 Western Avenue installing one 4-inch PVC conduit. This will include the removal and replacement of one sidewalk panel.

So you're hitting this property from the Putnam Ave side so it doesn't interfere with the new paving and streets and sidewalks on Western?

ANTHONY VATALARO: That's just outside the new paving of -- I think they did pave Putnam Avenue a little bit.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:
They did, yeah.

ANTHONY VATALARO: It's behind that, yes. That manhole exists, too. So it's really not --

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: So you're going from an existing manhole in the gutter line?

ANTHONY VATALARO: Yeah. It's really just the sidewalk portion.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:
Anthony, I don't want to jinx you, but I appreciate the way you put your work, you go about your work and put everything together. You minimize any disruption in the public way, that is appreciated.

ANTHONY VATALARO: It helps me too in the

long run.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

It does work out. With that, we second the motion.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Motion to approve with all typical conditions, permits?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELIZABETH LINT: I'm

way ahead of you.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Yes, yes, yes, and yes.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All

those in favor?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Yes.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELIZABETH LINT:

That's it.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Thanks, Anthony.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: The next two petitions have been continued at the request of the petitioners?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELIZABETH LINT: Yes.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Motion to adjourn.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Seconded.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS: All

in favor?

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WILLIAM DWYER:

Yes.

CITY ELECTRICIAN STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS:

Yes.

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