



# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

July 6, 2010

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sean T. O'Donovan	Chair	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Vice Chair	Absent	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Steve MacEachern	Superintendent of Lines and Lights	Present	
Bill Zamparelli	Public Affairs Representative	Present	
Ellen Cummings	Regional Director, Public Affairs	Present	
Ken Bates	Public Affairs Representative	Present	

President Connolly appointed himself to the committee, for this meeting only, to establish a quorum.

### **2010-189019 - That the Commissioner of Public Works Attend the Next Public Utilities & Works Committee Meeting to Discuss Various Items, Especially Double Poles.:**

There are currently 201 double poles in the city with 55 of these ready to be removed. Mr. Zamaperlli told the members that the number of double poles continues to increase due to various reasons, e.g., upgrades, car accidents etc. Ms. Cummings said that Verizon is ready to remove 37 poles and that Verizon's engineers would perform an independent audit of double poles. Ms. Cummings told the members that she is serious about keeping her commitment and will have a precise plan put together in order to meet with NSTAR effectively. Mr. Bates informed the members that RCN has 7 double poles remaining and that NSTAR actually performs the removal of RCN,s double poles. Alderman White suggested that Mr. MacEachern request that Comcast submit a written report on their 25 double poles and Chairman O'Donovan wants to make sure Comcast is at the next meeting. The committee will meet on August 25<sup>th</sup> to follow up on this issue and Chairman O'Donovan requested that updated lists be provided to the committee one day prior to that meeting.

**Motion:** by Chairman O'Donovan that the Commissioner of Public Works review the list of double poles and determine how many new double poles are being installed.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Sean T. O'Donovan, John M Connolly
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Walter F. Pero, Robert C. Trane

**189805 - That the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works requests that a representative from NStar appear before the Committee to address concerns over the numerous recent power outages in Ward One and the measures being implemented to ensure that such outages cease, and that this meeting be held at the Cross Street Senior Center, if possible.:**

There will be a meeting at 165 Cross Street with NSTAR to discuss the recent power outage caused by water in a cable. Mr. Zamparelli discussed why the outage occurred and informed the members that new cable and connections have been installed and there have been no issues since June 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zamparelli also reported that there was a transformer fire in a manhole on Mt. Vernon Street.