



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

October 24, 2012

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sean T. O'Donovan	Chair	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Thomas Champion	Director of Communications	Present	
Steve MacEachern	Supt., Lines and Lights	Present	
Stan Koty	Commissioner, DPW	Present	
Stan Usovicz	Verizon, Customer Service	Present	
Bill Zamparelli	NSTAR, Customer Service	Present	

193750 - That the Commissioner of Public Works add the double poles at College Hill Avenue, Raymond and North Streets, Conwell Ave (between Curtis and Hillsdale), Chetwynd Road, Curtis Street and 9 Granite Street to his utility company "double pole" list, and that the Superintendent of Lines and Lights appear at the September 19, 2012 meeting of the Public Utilities and Works Committee.:

Chairman O'Donovan recused himself from discussion on matters pertaining to Granite Street, since an attorney in his office has been contacted about the issue.

Alderman Desmond reported that the residents on Granite Street who are involved with the utility pole matter have hired an attorney. The Clerk of Committees forwarded a copy of an email from Tim Kelly, the Community Relations representative from Comcast, stating that he couldn't disclose the details of the situation other than to say that the involved parties are still at the table and that the issue is very unique and complicated.

The following updates were provided and discussed:

- * NSTAR and Verizon will work on the pole at Chetwynd Road and Curtis Street
- * NSTAR has 4 transfers to perform
- * Mr. Koty reported that progress is being made on the double poles at

College/Winslow Avenues and College /Park Avenues

- * Mr. MacEachern noted concern regarding a pole at 14 Westwood Road
- * Alderman Trane spoke about low hanging wires on Raymond Avenue and Curtis Street

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

- **Noise from Verizon Facility**

Mr. Nuzzo and Mr. Usovich informed the members that Verizon will begin work on installing a noise controlling wall around the equipment in an effort to mitigate the sound. The item will remain in committee for follow-up discussion.