



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

May 17, 2011

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sean T. O'Donovan	Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Vice Chair	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Stan Koty	DPW Commissioner	Present	
Thomas Pasquarello	Chief of Police	Present	
William Zamparelli	NSTAR	Present	
Robert Masci	NSTAR	Present	

Mr. Masci updated the committee on the improvements being made by NSTAR and provided the following timetable for completion of several upgrades:

- Ball Square - approximately July 15th of this year
- Lower Broadway - approximately August 1st of the year
- Medford Street/Webster Avenue - approximately August 15th of this year

The committee discussed whether heavy equipment should be allowed on Willow Avenue after it is reconstructed in June, coordination of NSTAR's work in the city with the DPW and Police Department, traffic management plans, street closings and police details. The committee stressed the importance of getting traffic plans to detail officers to ensure that they are complied with.

Alderman Connolly's motion **that the Traffic Engineer and other appropriate officials, meet to prioritize a plan to communicate traffic plans to detail officers,** was approved.

188632 - That a Representative of NStar Appear Before This Board's Committee on Public Utilities & Works to Discuss Power Capacity in West Somerville, Anticipating the 199 Housing Units at MaxPac.:

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

189019 - That the Commissioner of Public Works Attend the Next Public Utilities and Public Works Subcommittee to Discuss Any and All Business, Especially the Issue of Double Poles.:

NSTAR is scheduled to remove four poles and there are fifteen poles awaiting transfers.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

189587 - That the Commissioner of Public Works Review the Policy of Utility Companies Repaving Public Roadways Upon Completion of Utility Work and Make Recommendations for Improving the Policy or Ordinance.:

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

190074 - That the Commissioner of Public Works Direct NSTAR to Provide a Written Report Explaining Why Repeated Requests to Replace a Missing Street Lamp at 575 Windsor Street and to Repair the Street Light at 11 Joseph Street Have Been Ignored.:

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

190133 - That the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee discuss the damage done to the roof of 140 Willow Avenue by the utility companies working there.:

Mr. Masci told the committee that this is not an NSTAR issue, however, Mr. Zamparelli agreed to contact the property owner to obtain additional information.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

190323 - That the Superintendent of Lines and Lights provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works with an accurate listing of all double poles in the city.:

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

190371 - That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss efforts to stop automobiles from turning around in the middle of Boston Avenue at Pritchard Avenue.:

Chief Pasquarello informed the members that a site survey was performed and that a NO U TURN sign will be installed to alleviate the problem.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

190858 - That this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works request that NSTAR Gas appear before the Committee to discuss the condition of gas pipelines in the city and any preventive maintenance being performed.:

MR. Zamparelli discussed NSTAR's plans for maintenance and improvements and asked for information on street construction.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

190859 - That the Commissioner of Public Works submit to this Board the number of emergency street openings during the past 2 years for gas line repairs made by NStar.:

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

191056 - That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utilities to address the overloaded and low hanging wires at Somerville Avenue at Kent Street, Somerville Avenue at Linden Street, and along Tyler Street.:

NSTAR representatives were made aware of a crooked pole on Kent Street that needs to be addressed and were told that the committee is awaiting an opinion regarding ADA compliance at the same location. Mr. Zamparelli will try to have the matter resolved by June 1st.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE