



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

September 18, 2014

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Robert J. McWatters	Chair	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Vice Chair	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

Also present Bill Zamparelli (NSTAR), Stan Usovicz (Verizon), resident John O'Brien, Stan Koty

Mr. O'Brien shared his experience regarding the removal of a double pole on Belmont Place.

Mr. Zamparelli explained that his research indicated that only 4 poles included on a recent list were in the DPU's PLM (Pole Lifecycle Management) system. The missing data was added to the PLM to bring it up to date. Mr. Zamparelli explained that if an item is not in the PLM, then utility companies don't know about it. The DPU will be implementing a new tracking system in about 2 months that should rectify the inadequacies of the current PLM system.

The committee requested that the utility companies develop a system, separate from the DPU's system, that would be able to provide information regarding when NSTAR's lines come off a pole, when the next utility company is notified that it's their turn to move equipment and when that particular move is completed, and so on, until the pole is finally removed. NSTAR and Verizon were asked to obtain an accurate count of double poles in the city.

Alderman White asked the utility representatives to convey the message to their superiors that if cooperation is not forthcoming, he will ask that all (except emergency) permits be held up.

**196450 - That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to ascertain why the double pole at 42 Columbus Avenue hasn't been removed during the past 3 years.:**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
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**196608 - That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility regarding the double pole on Perkins Street.:**

Verizon and Comcast are still attached.

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196770 - That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility company regarding the removal of double poles on Perkins Street, Glen Street, Cutter Street, Kennison Avenue and Garfield Street.:**

There isn't a double pole on Glen Street. The 3 on Perkins Street have Verizon and cable wires on them. The Cutter Street and Kennison Avenue poles have Verizon and cable wires on them. The 2 poles on Garfield Street have NSTAR, Verizon and cable wires attached.

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196970 - That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility companies to remove the double pole at the corner of Willow and Kidder Avenues.:**

Verizon and cable still attached.

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197228 - That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the double poles at 13 and 23 Dane Avenue regarding an oil-like odor and have said poles removed and replaced if necessary.:**

There is no double pole at that location, nor is there an odor from the poles.

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**197277 - That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility companies to remove the double pole on Cambria Street.:**

Verizon and cable attached.

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197465 - That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to realign the utility pole in front of 47 Oliver Street.:**

The pole was inspected and deemed to be safe.

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197472 - That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar about removing the double pole at 72 Curtis Street. (2nd request.):**

Verizon and cable attached.

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197502 - That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the appropriate utility company to remove the leaning double pole at 33 Columbus Avenue immediately.:**

NSTAR has a Grant of Location to install another pole across the street to carry the load. Everything should be done in a week.

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197504 - That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the appropriate utility company to remove the double pole at 7 Belmont Place.:**

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

**197662 - That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief Fire Engineer order the appropriate utility companies to remove the double pole at 33 Columbus Avenue as it is creating a public safety issue.:**

See 197502

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**