

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
October 28, 2010 - Thursday**

Present: Ed Harrington, Chairman  
Ken DiFazio, Vice-Chairman  
Arthur Mathews  
Michael Smart

Not Present: Victor Pap

Also Present: Jim Clarke, Director, Planning and Development

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

**10 109-National Grid Gas Main Utility Petition for Meredith and Grampian Ways**

Dennis Regan and Peter Nagle were present from National Grid. Chairman Harrington asked for an update of an issue with a resident that was brought up at the last meeting. Mr. Nagle noted that it was remedied the following day.

Councilor Mathews noted that the public hearing was continued to the next Council meeting, November 8, 2010. Letters were sent October 22<sup>nd</sup> to both abutters on the private way who were not notified previous to the public hearing. (Notification is normally by postcard; not certified mail.) A letter was also sent to Mr. Regan on October 26th, advising of the continuation of the public hearing and a request was made to contact all abutters on the list prior to the public hearing on November 8, 2010 to explain in depth the scope of the work and its effect on them. Mr. Nagle responded that he did make that effort and has spoken so far to six of the eight abutters on Meredith Way. He will follow up with the balance of the abutters. Councilor Mathews provided a list of all abutters. By MGL, and as noted by Solicitor Lane at the last meeting, abutters on private ways are not required to be given notice; however, in this instance the town will accommodate all abutters.

Councilor Mathews asked Mr. Clarke if comments made at the last meeting were accurate: that Mr. Bristol did not intend to repave the road for 3-4 years. Mr. Clarke responded that he has had a conversation with Mr. Bristol. Although he is not required, it is Mr. Bristol's intent to repave Meredith back to Essex Street probably within the next construction season and once the building of the first part of the development is completed. Councilor Mathews asked if it is possible to get something in writing from Mr. Bristol to that effect. Mr. Clarke offered to request this in writing. Per the ordinance, once paving is complete, the street cannot be reopened except in the case of an emergency.

There was a brief discussion on the scope of work that is anticipated by the utility company, and the map was reviewed with the committee.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to recommend favorable action to the full Town Council, pending a favorable public hearing, motion was seconded by Councilor Smart and unanimously voted.

At 7:38 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Mathews to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Smart and unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as recording secretary

Approved by Ed Harrington, Chairman