

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Town Hall Council Chambers
AUGUST 9, 2004

PRESENT: T. J. Lacey – President, Michael Smart – Vice-President, Joseph Connolly (Absent), Ken DiFazio, Greg Hargadon, Sue Kay (Absent), Paul Leary, Arthur Mathews, Colin McPherson, Michael Molisse, Greg Shanahan

OTHERS: Dick Swanson, Frank Fryer, George Lane, Jane Hackett, Tom Slattery, Joseph Cardinal – Massachusetts Electric

President Lacey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Leary announced there would be a tour of the High School Building Project with Joseph Connolly on August 10, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

04 168 – Easement Request at 417 Front Street

A MOTION was made by Michael Molisse and was seconded by Arthur Mathews to open the public hearing on item #04 168 and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor Lacey introduced Tom Slattery of the School Department and Joseph Cardinal of Mass Electric to discuss the easement request. The intent at the Murphy School is to install a two-stop elevator. They need to increase the electrical capacity to accommodate the elevator. The new underground service would be funded by CDBG funds to increase service from 400 to 1000 AMPS. This will allow additional capacity for any future work. They seek an easement to run the underground service.

Joseph Cardinal stated Mr. Slattery invited them to the school to determine the best way to serve the increased load. They decided to replace the old transformers that are inside the school and replace with a pad mount transformer on the outside of the school. They must dig a trench from the new transformer from one of the poles. They request an easement, and request to take ownership of the property to be able to have access to the equipment for maintenance. They had their paralegal draw up the easement and also asked her to look at the four existing poles that were on the school property to see if an easement existed for them. There was no easement for the poles, as they were installed in 1952. They requested the poles be included with the easement.

T. J. Lacey asked for an update on the work that has been completed to date. Joseph Cardinal stated the cement pad has been poured and is awaiting delivery of the pad mounted transformer. The underground system must be completed to a new pole they are installing in the same location as one of the existing poles. That pole has been installed. All work is being done on Town owned property.

Ken DiFazio asked if notice was given to the abutters. Solicitor Lane stated it is an unusual situation with the poles in existence since 1952. At the last meeting, Councilor DiFazio had asked about the applicability of Section 2-206 that provides when we are granting a full-fledged easement for money. There was advertisement pursuant to Chapter 166, Section 22, which is an approval of the installation of a transmission line or

an alteration thereto. Mr. Lane stated the advertising requirement was taken care of by notice to the abutters. He checked on this personally. He suggested that the action that is taken by the council would be to not only approve the easement, but also approval of the alteration in the existing electrical transmission line.

Councilor Smart asked if there was a manhole involved in the construction. Joseph Cardinal stated it is coming directly from the transformer pad up to the pole. Mr. Smart asked how many spare conduits there would be. Mr. Cardinal stated there would be one spare. Mr. Smart asked what type of ground would be installed. He asked due to the recent problems with the power company's rings and covers becoming energized. Mr. Cardinal did not know, but could find out. He stated it is grounded and the trench is surrounded by concrete.

T. J. Lacey asked if there was any public comment to which there was no reply.

A MOTION was made by Greg Hargadon and was seconded by Michael Smart to close the public hearing and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Leary and was seconded by Mr. Molisse they take up measure #04 168 under 2.9(b) as is done with all utility measures, and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Leary and was seconded by Mr. Molisse the Committee take favorable action on #04 168 Easement Request at 417 Front Street and that the Town of Weymouth approve an easement and the alteration of the existing transmission line for the purpose of providing electrical facilities access to the Murphy School located at 417 Front Street, Weymouth, and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President Lacey stated a resident asked about the completion of the work, the plan for the parking lot, and the issue around what the plan for the paving of the lot would be. As you turn in the back of the building, there is a blind side where people park for activities at the building. They asked if there was any thought for a speed bump in that area. Mr. Slattery stated there was no discussion on a speed bump. Mr. Lacey asked to discuss the matter after the meeting. Mr. Slattery stated the repaving would be accomplished before school begins.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Leary MOTIONED to adjourn and Councilor Mathews seconded. The MOTION was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Teodorson, Recording Secretary

Approved by: _____
T. J. Lacey, Chairman