

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
May 7, 2007**

Present: Arthur E. Mathews, Chairperson
Greg Shanahan
Michael Smart
Thomas J. Lacey

Not Present: Sue Kay

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Chairman Mathews called the Public Works Committee Meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Chairman Mathews noted that the utility public hearings will be held this evening. After the hearings, the measures will be referred back to the Public Works Committee. A vote will be taken at a committee meeting in the near future.

Chairman Mathews stated that the following measures were referred back to the Public Works Committee because there were questions on each one.

07 035-National Grid/Verizon Petition-Middle Street

Steve Breton from National Grid appeared before the Public Works Committee. He distributed updated plans for each petition. He stated that this type of map is readily available and he would submit this type in the future.

Councilor Mathews noted that he had received an email from an abutter. Mr. Breton stated that he had spoken with the abutter. This abutter was concerned about the angle of the placement. Mr. Breton stated that this concern has been resolved.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Smart to recommend FAVORABLE action on item number 07 035 and was seconded by Councilor Lacey and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 036-National Grid/Verizon Petition-Park Avenue West

Mr. Breton stated that the drawing was accurate but there was a typo on the plans which has been corrected.

Mr. Breton stated that four of the poles have already been placed. Councilor Smart reminded Mr. Breton to caution the contractors to wait for approval before placing poles.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Smart to recommend FAVORABLE action on item number 07 036 and was seconded by Councilor Lacey and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 037-National Grid/Verizon Petition-West Street

Councilor Smart noted a pole which was not numbered. Mr. Breton stated that the pole number is P-120.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Smart to recommend FAVORABLE action on item number 07 037 as amended and was seconded by Councilor Lacey and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 038-National Grid/Verizon Petition-Park Avenue

Mr. Breton stated that he revised this application because pole number 1-90 S was omitted.

Chairman Mathews asked that the measure numbers correspond with the map number. Mr. Breton was not sure that this was possible.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Smart to recommend FAVORABLE action on item number 07 038 as amended and was seconded by Councilor Lacey and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 039-National Grid/Verizon Petition-Columbian Street

Councilor Shanahan questioned why there are two anchor lines in front of the O’Ryan property. Mr. Breton stated that the anchors will not impede pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk. He noted that one of the anchors is parallel to the curb.

Mr. Breton stated that National grid had asked South Shore Hospital for an easement for the placement of the pole; the hospital was reluctant to grant the request.

Chairman Mathews asked if this request was part of this measure. Mr. Breton stated that it was not. Chairman Mathews recommended that Mr. Breton contact DPW for assistance with this matter.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Smart to recommend FAVORABLE action on item number 07 039 and was seconded by Councilor Lacey and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:23 pm, there being no further business, A MOTION was made by Councilor Lacey to ADJOURN and was seconded by Councilor Shanahan and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Arthur E. Mathews, Chairperson