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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

IN RE: POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION HEARING

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS:

Richard V. Scali, Chairman
William Dwyer, Superintendent of Streets
George Fernandes, City Electrician

STAFF:

Elizabeth Y. Lint, Executive Officer

- held at -

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MS. LINT: Meeting of the Pole and Conduit Commission, Thursday, January 21, 2010. It's 10:10 a.m. We're in the Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room. Before you the Commissioners: Chairman Richard Scali, Bill Dwyer, and George Fernandes.

MR. SCALI: Good morning everybody. I know it's a slow time so our agenda is shorter than normal. Let's go right to our first item from December for NStar, Hemlock Road. We have Verizon.

MR. VATALARO: I haven't applied for Comcast. I did speak with the contractor out there. They said they wanted it. Comcast requires them to pay a \$110 application fee. I set up an appointment with him to pick up the check and everything and he didn't show. I've called him several times since. I have the application, I have everything, I just don't have funding.

MR. SCALI: So you're waiting for the fee.

MR. VATALARO: So I don't know what they're going to do.

MR. SCALI: Does anybody know the time schedule? Is it a renovation?

MR. VATALARO: When I was there it was still open frame construction and that was last month.

MR. SCALI: So they've got a ways to go I guess.

MR. VATALARO: I would say so, yes.

MR. SCALI: All right, comments?

MR. DWYER: The ground is frozen. They're not going to be able to do anything anyway.

MR. SCALI: So we'll wait until your application comes in from Comcast. Motion to continue on the NStar and Verizon, Hemlock Road.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. SCALI: Moved.

MR. FERNANDES: Seconded.

MR. SCALI: All in favor?

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. SCALI: So we're still awaiting
Comcast on Hemlock Road.

MS. LINT: We need to accept the minutes.

MR. SCALI: Motion to accept the minutes from our last meeting of December 15. Moved.

MR. DWYER: Second.

MR. SCALI: All in favor.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. SCALI: From December 17, New Street, NStar. We were awaiting Verizon and Comcast applications, Concord Avenue.

MR. VATALARO: Yeah, they were here last month. Are you with New Street?

MR. LAU: Yes. I'm the owner of New Street, yes.

MR. SCALI: Why don't you come up and tell us who you are.

MR. LAU: My name is Kin, K-I-N, Lau, L-A-U. I'm Director of Design and Construction for Oak Tree Development.

MR. SCALI: So you are developing the property?

MR. LAU: Correct.

MR. SCALI: What's the story with the Comcast and Verizon applications?

MR. LAU: We are currently trying to work out a deal with bringing in Comcast and Verizon to our project and we want to bring it down the street. We're requesting a couple of pole locations but we have not finalized the deal with

them yet.

MR. SCALI: You're still working on that. You definitely need those for the project?

MR. LAU: We would definitely like to have them for the project. I think people want to have cable and TV and phone service to their units.

MR. SCALI: What is your timeframe on the project?

MR. LAU: We're shooting for the beginning of July 1 as our -- it's the soft opening. It could flex a couple of weeks here and there but like the beginning to the middle of July.

MR. SCALI: So you still have time.

MR. LAU: Correct. We're still trying to work things out right now with them and bring the lines in and everything else, but we don't want this pole application to fall too far behind.

MR. SCALI: Comments?

MR. FERNANDES: No, I'm all set.

MR. SCALI: Meaning what; continue?

MR. FERNANDES: Continue.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. SCALI: We do all these together so this application will have to go with the Comcast and Verizon applications when you submit them. Because we want to see the whole picture, the whole development together and how it's going to all fit to the street and all that with the poles.

MR. LAU: That's fine.

MR. SCALI: We don't do it piecemeal.

MR. LAU: That's fine. I'm okay with that.

MR. SCALI: Is there anything that you want us to know?

MR. LAU: Next time, if I bring a site plan showing the location of the poles and the conduits, would that be fine?

MR. SCALI: No. We need the Comcast and the Verizon applications submitted to us.

MR. LAU: Before the meeting?

MR. SCALI: Before the deadline, by the deadline.

MR. LAU: Fair enough.

MR. SCALI: Motion to continue waiting for Verizon and Comcast applications. Moved.

MR. DWYER: Second.

MR. SCALI: All in favor?

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. SCALI: Continued from December 17, NStar for Cambridge Park Drive. The application has been changed to say, "Easterly approximately 720 feet west of Alewife Brook Parkway, 75 feet of conduit." It's amended from our last application.

MS. BARROSO: They're going to install a new manhole so the only thing that changed was there's a new manhole to put a BFI switch.

MR. SCALI: Does this not read right what's on here now?

MS. BARROSO: No, it is.

MR. SCALI: That's right?

MS. BARROSO: Yes.

MR. SCALI: Is the new manhole on the plan here?

MS. BARROSO: Yes. The new manhole is here.

MR. FERNANDES: Initially it was to use an existing manhole.

MR. SCALI: I see. So you're putting a new manhole in instead of using the existing?

MS. BARROSO: Yes. I think this was it on the existing manhole.

MR. SCALI: This is a busy street. How do you plan on doing the work?

MS. DUFFY: How we've been planning on doing it?

MR. SCALI: How do you plan on coordinating the work time-wise?

MS. DUFFY: We'd have to talk to Fred on that.

MR. SCALI: Any questions on coordination?

MR. DWYER: I'm kind of lost on this one. Are they changing things around?

MR. FERNANDES: They're putting in another feed on Cambridge Park Drive. Part of it is for the Acorn Project and there's something that's going to be done in the spring.

MR. DWYER: I'm okay with the way it's laid out and what not, and the physical coordination will be able to take place. We'll be able to handle that when the time comes when it

comes to permits.

MR. SCALI: Which will be in the spring?

MR. DWYER: Oh yeah.

MR. SCALI: I know it's not now.

MR. DWYER: So other than the regular things to do for permitting and any kind of street restoration and SPOF, we're good to go on this.

MR. SCALI: And no other work needs to be done there, Verizon or Comcast? Cambridge Park Drive, anything you guys need for Cambridge Park Drive for Comcast or Verizon?

MR. DESROSES: Acorn Park or Cambridge Park Drive?

MR. FERNANDES: This has to do with Acorn Park.

MR. SCALI: Both.

MR. DESROSES: I met with Acorn Park yesterday. I think they told us that NStar already had the duct bank across the small river, whatever it's called, Little River.

MS. DUFFY: Little River.

MR. DESROSES: And that's what NStar is going to use to bring service to the site, but there's some -- I don't know if NStar plans on placing new ones, we can jump into the same trench.

MR. FERNANDES: Right, then you need to look at that.

MR. DESROSES: Yeah, and I don't think Comcast has a --

MR. VATALARO: We're at the beginning of Cambridge Park Drive. We'd have to trench the whole street to get down there.

MR. DESROSES: But you definitely sent new ones over Little River so we may want to be in the same trench.

MR. SCALI: You all need to feed Acorn Park.

MR. DESROSES: We have service in Acorn Park but the new building is going to be a bio-med type building so I'm sure they want diversity for their fiber.

MR. FERNANDES: Exactly, plus you're overhead from Route 2, right now.

MR. DESROSES: No. We're coming in by the parking garage on Cambridge Park Drive, the ramp. It goes by the first building, the brick building, by the little building there, and then we go over the building to the site.

MR. FERNANDES: Correct, absolutely. You're right over the roof of the building and that's your fiber feed, fiber and copper. So you may want a diverse route. You may not want that overhead feed. I don't know.

MR. DESROSES: With NStar from Cambridge Park Drive.

MR. SCALI: So you guys need to apply then?

MR. DESROSES: I think they're still in the design process.

MS. DUFFY: We are.

MR. SCALI: We need to wait on this one until you guys look at that. I'm assuming Comcast should look at it as well.

All right, I'll motion to continue pending Comcast and Verizon.

MS. DUFFY: Which one are we continuing; Cambridge Park Drive?

MR. SCALI: Cambridge Park Drive.

MR. DESROSES: That has nothing to do with --

MS. DUFFY: That's different from Acorn Park.

MR. DESROSES: That from MBTA I think.

MR. FERNANDES: This is supposed to be a feed in for in there as well. Acorn Park is supposedly going to feed off of Cambridge Park Drive.

MR. DESROSES: This application is different.

MS. DUFFY: This one was from last month and I didn't put the manhole on.

MR. FERNANDES: What's it for?

MS. DUFFY: We're putting a switch in the manhole for outages.

MR. FERNANDES: And that's the only reason it's there for?

MS. DUFFY: Yes.

MR. SCALI: That's not going to feed any of the new buildings?

MR. DWYER: I don't think so.

MS. DUFFY: We have like three work orders coming for that Acorn Park.

MR. FERNANDES: What are they?

MS. DUFFY: The work orders?

MR. FERNANDES: What are they?

MS. DUFFY: They're still in design. I haven't really seen them.

MR. FERNANDES: I think we're going to wait until we see them.

MS. DUFFY: Okay. So before you approve this?

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. SCALI: It may affect this application. Motion to continue, moved.

MR. DWYER: Seconded.

MR. SCALI: All in favor?

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. DWYER: Yes

MR. SCALI: Top of Page 2, New
Petition by NStar for Dana Street, southeasterly
side, relocating one guy pole.

MS. DUFFY: This is for Next G so they
can put antennas on the pole.

MR. SCALI: So is this the last of
Next G?

MS. DUFFY: No, there's one more.

MR. SCALI: So where are you
relocating? Are you just going down a foot? Is
that what it is?

MR. DWYER: It's one-and-a-half feet
off the curb. Oh, you're right.

MR. SCALI: They're moving it -- it
doesn't say how far down you're moving it to.

MR. DWYER: 25.3 feet.

MS. DUFFY: See it down the bottom,
down a little.

MR. FERNANDES: About six feet; right?

MR. SCALI: In the sidewalk?

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. SCALI: Conditions, problems,

comments?

MR. DWYER: Public Works permit and SPOF regulations apply.

MR. SCALI: Permit and SPOF. It's not affecting anybody's driveways or anything like that?

MS. DUFFY: No.

MR. SCALI: Problems?

MR. FERNANDES: I'm okay.

MR. SCALI: Motion to approve subject to SPOF and permits. Moved.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. SCALI: Who's seconding?

MR. FERNANDES: Second.

MR. SCALI: All in favor?

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. SCALI: New Petition for NStar for Wadsworth Street, southerly at Main, 49 feet of conduit. Who is this for?

MS. DUFFY: Next G.

MR. SCALI: So this is another Next G app. Digging in the gutter line?

MS. DUFFY: From what Fred has told me this is done but this is a formality that it had to be -- supposedly Next G came in before you on this one.

MR. FERNANDES: The conduit is in; the guy pole needs to be changed.

MS. DUFFY: Yeah, right, and they're going to change the pole.

MR. SCALI: So the trench is already done?

MR. DWYER: Yes. All the work is done.

MR. FERNANDES: We did it because of the construction project at Wadsworth and Main Street. It had to be done.

MR. DWYER: We were paving so we had

to get it done.

MR. SCALI: I don't remember that happening. When was that done?

MR. DWYER: That came in front of us -- it actually came in front of us back in the summer and fall.

MR. FERNANDES: August, September.

MR. SCALI: So this is the same as what it was. It's already done and nothing is added

MR. FERNANDES: They had to submit the paperwork.

MR. SCALI: Comments? Motions.

MR. FERNANDES: Moved.

MR. DWYER: Second.

MR. SCALI: All in favor?

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. SCALI: So does Next G still have to apply to move the guy pole?

MS. DUFFY: I'm not sure.

MR. FERNANDES: I think this one is

going to be the same location.

MS. DUFFY: To put it in?

MR. FERNANDES: Yes. If they want to move it after, they revisit us.

MR. SCALI: New Petition for NStar for Traill Street, northeasterly, 176 feet southeast of Elmwood, seven feet of conduit.

MS. DUFFY: This is the new 200-amp service. I think we have to wait on Verizon and Comcast.

MR. SCALI: New residence, renovation?

MS. DUFFY: Yeah, renovation.

MR. SCALI: In the sidewalk, across the sidewalk to the property line.

MS. DUFFY: From pole 670, over five to the hand hole.

MR. SCALI: Questions?

MR. FERNANDES: No.

MR. SCALI: Does anybody else need anything in there?

MR. DWYER: The other companies do; right?

MS. DUFFY: We don't know if they do.

MR. DWYER: We need to continue it.

MR. SCALI: We need Verizon and Comcast on one. Traill Street, motion to continue.

MR. FERNANDES: Moved.

MR. DWYER: Seconded.

MR. SCALI: All in favor?

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. SCALI: So we still need Verizon
and Comcast on Traill Street.

MR. SCALI: New Petition for NStar for Robinson Street, southeasterly at Garden Street from pole, a distance of 28 feet of conduit.

MS. DUFFY: This is for a service upgrade.

MR. SCALI: Service upgrade in the sidewalk going to 87 Garden; is that right?

MR. DWYER: Near the corner house. There was some work done on this house last year.

MR. SCALI: Verizon and Comcast?

MR. FERNANDES: Don't know yet.

MR. SCALI: Need an upgrade on that location, too? You don't know? I'm sure they're doing a whole renovation there so they probably need both. Verizon and Comcast don't know for Garden Street?

MS. DUFFY: No.

MR. FERNANDES: Continue.

MR. SCALI: Motion to continue.

MR. DWYER: Yes, continue that.

MR. SCALI: Moved and seconded. All in favor?

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. SCALI: Still need Verizon and Comcast on that.

MS. DUFFY: Sue just talked to Freddy and he said that that one at Cambridge Park doesn't have anything to do with Acorn.

MR. FERNANDES: I don't believe him.

MS. DUFFY: Okay.

MR. FERNANDES: I'm waiting.

MR. SCALI: It probably will is what he's saying. Even if you don't think so now, it may. Maybe you can do it in conjunction with that is what he's saying; right?

MR. FERNANDES: Right.

MR. SCALI: Anything else, Mrs. Lint, on the agenda?

MS. LINT: No.

MR. SCALI: Anything else, Commissioners?

MR. DWYER: We're good.

MR. SCALI: Motion to adjourn. Moved.

MR. DWYER: Second.

MR. SCALI: All in favor?

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. SCALI: See you all in February.

(Whereupon, the proceeding was
concluded at 10:27 a.m.)

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