

## REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of March 10, 2021

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW, 50 Manca Drive at 4:30 PM on March 10, 2021..

Members Present: Councilor Nathan Boudreau, Chairman; Councilor Judy Mack; Councilor Karen Hardern; Administrative Assistant Christine Harty

Attendees: Dane E. Arnold, DPW Director; and Chris Coughlin, City Engineer via Phone

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Councilor Nathan Boudreau called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

### **OPEN MEETING RECORDING**

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### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Dane Arnold: Underground gas tank will be decommissioned this coming Friday. We have an outside vendor to clean it out, lock it up and removal will occur in five years. We have a new credit card system set up for gas. 90 plus cards have been distributed city-wide, system is up and operating.

We are currently removing the tennis court out of OC Playground and replacing with basketball court. In process of removing asphalt and laying down pavement. Also making small parking area off Norman Street.

Lastly, will be making request to Mayor and Finance for new equipment, 10 wheeler, sweeper and a pickup in the next few weeks.

Councilor Judy Mack, Is there access to one gas station or more with the new credit card system?

Dane, almost 90% of stations across the country.

Chris Coughlin: This week we received a 13K grant from the state to upgrade the Snake Pond and Wastewater treatment plants with LED lighting. Free, cost effective lighting to reduce electrical costs.

Also in conversation with solar company regarding panels on roofs of municipal buildings. Will reduce electrical costs, will update Committee as it progresses.

Councilor Judy Mack, Will we rent or purchase the panels?

Chris; developer owns panels, will be 20 year contract, purchasing electricity at lower cost.

### **ORDINANCE**

**#10399** – A Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England to install 1 JO Pole on Temple Street beginning at a point approximately 70 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Temple

Street and Hospital Hill Road and continuing approximately 60 feet in a northwest direction. Installing 1 new P15-50 between P15 & P16 on Temple Street with Lindsey Sensor, 4G Comm & Transformer. Removal of Existing transformer on P15

Chris Coughlin states he would recommend the petition. Motion made by Councilor Judy Mack, second by Councilor Karen Hardern, all in favor motion carries.

### **ABATEMENTS WATER/SEWER**

25 Wright Street: previously tabled. Dane, Property owner was appealing due to high use, had toilets repaired. Most recent reading on March 3<sup>rd</sup> confirms as the previous, no leaks present at this time.

Motion made by Councilor Karen Hardern, second by Councilor Judy Mack to deny abatement, bill stays as is, all in favor, motion passes.

### **REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR'S**

Councilor Nathan Boudreau: No requests.

Councilor Karen Hardern: No requests.

Councilor Judy Mack: Have we heard from owner of Albion Street from previous meeting regarding appeal? Dane, no still no contact received. As a reminder owner did not respond to two separate calls at last meeting. Councilor Judy Mack, place on agenda for next meeting as one more attempt to contact regarding previous request to appeal.

Motion to adjourn, Motion made by Councilor Karen Hardern second by Councilor Judy Mack to adjourn meeting at 4:43 pm. Roll Call vote: Councilor Karen Hardern yes, Councilor Judy Mack yes, Councilor Nathan Boudreau yes. Motion passes.

Next meeting scheduled as needed.

All documents submitted at this meeting are stored in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive for any review.

Respectfully submitted:  
Christine M. Harty, Administrative Assistant

**PRESIDENT**  
Elizabeth J. Kazinskas

**COUNCILLORS AT LARGE**  
James S. Boone  
Craig R. Cormier  
Ronald F. Cormier  
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Judy A. Mack  
George C. Tyros

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James M. Walsh, Esq.

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Elizabeth J. Kazinskas

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Nathan R. Boudreau

**WARD 4 COUNCILLOR**  
Karen G. Hardern

**WARD 5 COUNCILLOR**  
Aleks Dernalowicz, Esq.

**CITY OF GARDNER**  
**MASSACHUSETTS 01440-2630**

OFFICE OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL



March 5, 2021

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING –**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** DPW Office 50 Manca Drive

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**AGENDA**

- I. Department Updates:
  - Public Works/Sewer/Water – Dane Arnold, DPW Director
  - Survey/Engineering – Chris Coughlin, City Engineer
  - Conservation Commission – Lyndsy Butler, Conservation Agent
- II. Abatements Water/Sewer:
  - 25 Wright Street (tabled from previous)
- III. Proposed Ordinance Amendments:  
**#10399 – A Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England to install 1 JO Pole on Temple Street beginning at a point approximately 70 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Temple Street and Hospital Hill Road and continuing approximately 60 feet in a northwest direction. Installing 1 new P15-50 between P15 & P16 on Temple Street with Lindsey Sensor, 4G Comm & Transformer. Removal of Existing transformer on P15**
- IV. Councillor Requests
- V. Adjournment

*NOTICE: The listing of Agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chairman which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

CITY COUNCIL OF GARDNER

*Nathan R. Boudreau*

Councilor Nathan R. Boudreau  
Chairman, Public Service Committee

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GARDNER, MA

**nationalgrid**

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
GARDNER, MA

February 16, 2021

City of Gardner

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a petition of NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON, covering joint NATIONAL GRID-VERIZON pole location(s)

If you have any questions regarding this permit please contact:

Please notify National Grid's Vincent LoGuidice of the hearing date / time.

If this petition meets with your approval, please return an executed copy to each of the above named Companies.

National Grid Contact: Vincent LoGuidice; 1101 Turnpike Street; North Andover, MA 01845. Phone 978-725-1392.

Very truly yours,

*Pat Cody*

Patrick Cody  
Supervisor, Distribution Design

Enclosures

Questions contact – Riordan Hoffman 781-423-3062

**PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS**

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the City Council  
Of Gardner, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Temple Street - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Temple St beginning at a point approximately 70 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Temple St and Hospital Hill Road and continuing approximately 60 feet in a northwest direction. Installing 1 new P15-50 between P15 & P16 on Temple St with Lindsey Sensor, 4G Comm & Transformer. Removal of Existing transformer on P15.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Temple St - Gardner - Massachusetts.

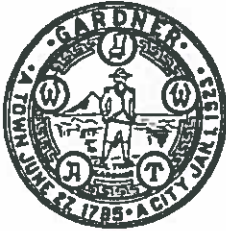
No. 30064740 January 13, 2021

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid  
BY Pat Cody  
Engineering Department

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.  
BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Manager / Right of Way



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**NOTICE TO ABUTTERS**

March 3, 2021

**TO ABUTTERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L., c. 166, §22, you are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be conducted via remote participation\* on **MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.** on the petition of Massachusetts Electric Company, d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England, Inc. for permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under along and across the following public way:

TEMPLE STREET – A Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England to install 1 JO Pole on Temple Street beginning at a point approximately 70 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Temple Street and Hospital Hill Road and continuing approximately 60 feet in a northwest direction. Installing 1 new P15-50 between P15 & P16 on Temple Street with Lindsey Sensor, 4G Comm & Transformer. Removal of Existing transformer on P15

A sketch of the proposed pole location is attached for your edification.

\*The Public Hearing will be conducted via *Zoom* Video Conferencing and broadcast live on Gardner Educational Television Channel 8 and on the City's YouTube Channel. Parties interested in testifying before the City Council are requested to contact City Clerk Titi Siriphan by calling **978-630-4058** or by e-mail at [tsiriphan@gardner-ma.gov](mailto:tsiriphan@gardner-ma.gov) to register and to obtain participation/call-in instructions.

CITY COUNCIL OF GARDNER


By: TITI SIRIPHAN  
 City Clerk

PETITION SKETCH  
FOR THE CITY OF GARDNER  
WORCESTER COUNTY

Temple St  
C/L

Hospital Hill Rd  
C/L

Legend

-  Proposed JO Pole
-  Existing JO Pole
-  Center Line
-  Property Line

130 Temple St

146 Temple St

143 Temple St

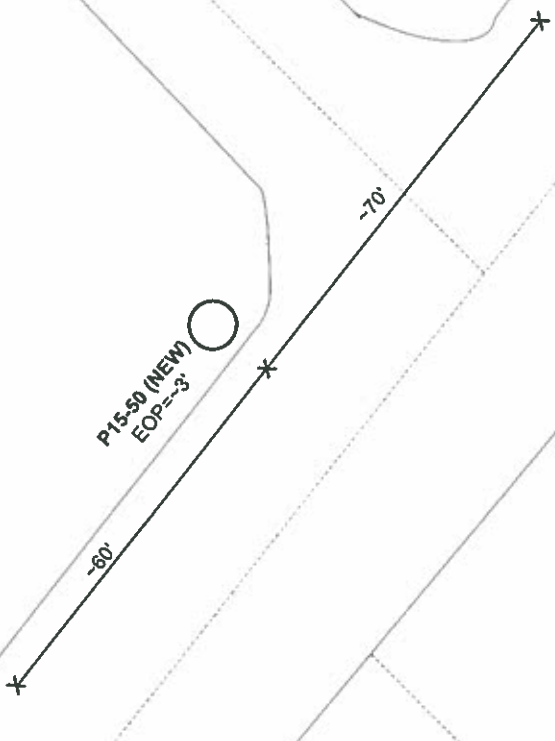
149 Temple St

170 Temple St

P15-50 (NEW)  
EOP=±3'

P15  
EOP=±3'

P16  
EOP=±3'



**nationalgrid**

**ControlPoint**  
TECHNOLOGIES  
Designer: Riordan Hoffman  
ControlPoint Technologies, Inc.  
200 Ledgewood Place, Rockland,  
MA 02370  
781-423-3062

Petition Sketch for Pole 15-50  
Temple Street  
Gardner, MA  
WR# 30064740

SHEET  
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Not To Scale Distances are Approximate	Drawn By: RH	Sketch # 30064740	DATE 09/17/2020
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The exact location of said facilities to be established by and upon the installation and erection of the facilities thereof.