

Minutes of the Meeting  
Of the Board of Selectmen  
Remote Participation Only  
June 29, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.

Present Remotely: Board Members Daniel S. Carpenter, Doreen M. Goodrich, Lionel R. Berthiaume

Also Present: Town Manager Julie A. Jacobson

Chairman Daniel Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Carpenter announced that the meeting was being recorded by Auburn Cable Television and he asked if anyone else was recording the meeting. No one so indicated.

Public Hearings/Presentations

Hearing on Petition by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Underground Electric Conduit Location Westec Drive:

Westec Drive - National Grid to install beginning at a point approximately 735 feet northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Westec Drive and Precision Drive and continuing approximately 20 feet in a north direction. Install 1 UM39 midsize manhole (5X9X7). Install 4-4” conduits from new manhole to new pad 5-2 location. Work required for new service upgrade and relocation of equipment.

The Board of Selectmen voted to re-open the hearing on the petition (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) voted by roll call: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; and Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Jeffrey Silva of National Grid was presently remotely on behalf of the petition. He gave an overview of the work, which was to put a manhole toward the end of Westec Drive just prior to the cul-de-sac to re-feed Eversource with their new configuration and electrical infrastructure that they require.

There were no abutters participating remotely to speak to the petition.

Mrs. Goodrich asked about the timeframe for the work and if there would be any disruption in service to the surrounding businesses.

Mr. Silva replied that he doesn't see any disruption because the other businesses are fed at the end of the line and because they are not in the middle there should be no disruption. Mr. Silva added that the work would take one week because of the process involved for the placement of the manhole.

Mrs. Goodrich asked if abutters were aware about the length of time for the project in case the work would affect their businesses. Mr. Silva said that he could let them know, but the work is at the end of Westec Drive and only feeds 10 Westec. He added that they would always coordinate with the other businesses when they do have to shut off power so that it wouldn't be during peak hours, but he doesn't expect to for this work.

The Board voted to close the hearing (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) voted in favor by roll call: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; and Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Mrs. Goodrich then made a motion to approve the petition by National Grid (NGRID) provided that the abutters are properly notified about any disruption in service. Mr. Berthiaume seconded the motion and the Board of Selectmen voted in favor by roll call: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; and Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned (Motion made by Mrs. Goodrich; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) voted in favor by roll call: Mrs. Goodrich, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; and Mr. Carpenter, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

The following documents were part of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of June 29, 2020 and are retained in the Executive Office of the Town Manager:

- June 29, 2020 Agenda
- Petition by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and related documents for Underground Electric Conduit Location Westec Drive