

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of MAY 13, 2020

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held via remotely by phone at the DPW 50 Manca Drive at 4:30 PM on May 13, 2020.

Members Present via telephone: Councilor Nathan Boudreau, Chairman; Councilor Karen Hardern, Councilor Judy Mack, Adm. Assistant Denise Merriam

Dane E. Arnold, DPW Director, Chris Coughlin City Engineer, Christine Harty

CALL TO ORDER

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

OPEN MEETING RECORDING

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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting as written Councilor Karen Harder second by Councilor Nathan Boudreau. Roll Call Councilor Karen Hardern yes, Councilor Judy Mack yes, Councilor Nathan Boudreau yes, motion passes

ORDINANCE ISSUE

Request from Resident of 15 Greenwood Street wants to convert to Gas in his house the road has been paved within 5 years requesting waiver to dig in street. Dane stated that road was paved in 2016 almost five years not an emergency but he has no objection. Motion made by Councilor Karen Hardern second by Councilor Judy Mack to allow the resident to have the Gas installed. Roll Call Councilor Keren Hardern yes, Councilor Judy Mack yes, Councilor Nathan Boudreau yes. Motion passes.

SEWER/WATER ISSUES

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Dane Arnold: Denise is retiring after 45 years of service to the City, Christine Harty will be taking over her position.

Water/Sewer project downtown: the sewer was completed today, water continuing they have run into a lot of ledge on Nichols St. and City Hall Ave. once this is done we will pave with a base coat around July or August and then next spring put final coat on.

Hope to be start paving streets within next couple months Kelton is going to be pulverized and level off with grader. Councilor Mack asked if she could have a list of the streets that will be paved this year. Dane sent the list to all three

Councilors. Dane not sure how much will be done because he has not received final amount of money from the State yet.

Ovila Case Playground still working on we received a Grant for \$45,000, Rock Fund Donation of \$10,000 and City budget of \$25,000 to replace playground equipment. If we should be able to get more on a grant we will replace more. Waiting for the list of trees for the solar field and compiling a list of City trees to have another Public Hearing.

Have a deficit in Snow & Ice Account of about \$275,000 waiting for new Mayor to send letter to Finance Committee. Councilor Boudreau we had a light winter not too bad, Dane stated we had a lot of ice.

Money Orders going up some Union Contract items that need to be covered.

Chris Coughlin: In March had a public hearing with Mass DOT regarding uptown rotary 25% design stage moving forward. Will inform committee when next hearing is.

Wright's Reservoir Dam project 95% completed spillway done.

Workshop for MVB to get access for a lot of money for culverts, dams, etc.

National Grid Pole approved by Chris. Motion made by Councilor Judy Mack second by Councilor Karen Hardern to accept National Grid Pole Request. Roll Call Councilor Karen Hardern yes, Councilor Judy Mack yes, Councilor Nathan Boudreau yes. Motion passes.

MONEY ORDERS

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR'S

Councilor Boudreau: Contractor did some work on Jean St. the sidewalk needs to be fixed. Dane said we are monitoring it.

Councilor Hardern: Are you paving Harvard and Baker Street.

Councilor Judy Mack: Guard Rail at Crystal Lake Cemetery, Dane stated we are putting in large rocks. Councilor Mack stated needs to be closed hazard.

Motion made by Councilor Judy Mack second by Councilor Karen Hardern to adjourn meeting at 4:52 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:

Denise M. Merriam, Administrative Assistant

PRESIDENT
Elizabeth J. Kazinskas

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James M. Walsh, Esq.

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Nathan R. Boudreau

WARD 4 COUNCILLOR
Karen G. Hardern

WARD 5 COUNCILLOR
Alek Dernalowicz, Esq.

May 11, 2020

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Time: 4:30 P.M.

Location: Remotely via ZOOM/broadcast live on the City's YouTube Channel.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Public Service Committee will be conducted via remote participation. The audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings will be posted on the City's website as soon as possible after the meeting.

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AGENDA

1. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the prior meeting.
2. Department Updates:
Public Works/Sewer/Water – Dane Arnold, DPW Director
Survey/Engineering – Chris Coughlin, City Engineer
Conservation Commission – Lyndsy Butler, Conservation Agent
3. Abatements Water/Sewer
4. Petition by National Grid to install 1 solely-owned pole on East Broadway beginning at a point approximately 115' southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Prospect Street. National Grid to install 1 SO pole 4-2, sidewalk anchor/guy for customer electrical upgrade (Public hearing Monday, May 18, 2020)
5. Waiver request from resident 15 Greenwood Place to dig in road for gas installation.
6. Councillor Requests
7. 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

Nathan R. Boudreau
Chairman, Public Service Committee

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive at 4:30 PM on February 25, 2020.

Members Present: Councilor Nathan Boudreau, Councilor Karen Hardern, Councilor Alek Dernalowicz, Administrative Assistant Denise Merriam

Attendees: Dane Arnold DPW Director, Chris Coughlin City Engineer, Rob Oliva Assistant Director; Lyndsy Butler Conservation Agent; Resident 40 Brookside Dr.

CALL TO ORDER

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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2020 meeting as written Councilor Alek Dernalowicz second by Councilor Karen Hardern, all in favor motion carries.

ORDINANCE ISSUE

40 Brookside Dr. Request for abatement on water bill as pool was filled prior to them taking over ownership of house but final reading was taken before pool filling. Attorney never asked for an updated reading at time of closing. Councilor Boudreau introduced new members of the Committee and gave a brief description of what was going on. At a previous meeting, this was referred to the City Solicitor. City Solicitor stated no abatement should be provided. The homeowners should address this issue with the closing Attorney and Seller. Ultimately, when they purchased the house, the pool contained the water for which they are being billed, so they have received the value of their purchase. Councilor Boudreau asked homeowner if they reached out to the seller, she stated no. Councilor Dernalowicz they did get a rebate on the sewer portion, Rob said yes \$80.00. Motion made by Councilor Alek Dernalowicz second by Councilor Karen Hardern to leave the bill as written with the previous modification on the sewer. All in favor motion passes.

SEWER/WATER ISSUES

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Dane Arnold: The budget was submitted last Friday level funded.

Water Company is starting back up on Wednesday for downtown, will notify everyone.

Councilor Boudreau asked if any capital plans that will have to wait because of not having permanent Mayor. Dane no.

DEP Sludge landfill meeting on Thursday.

Rep. Zlotnik Re: Transportation Bond Bill sent him information on bond bill that was needed. Elm St. @ Pearson Blvd. gateway off Route 2 upgrade (lighting, sidewalks, drainage). Chestnut St. to Union Square. Mill St. bridge.

NCCI Prison did not pave road because they want to put in a new water main.

Lyndsy stated they are filing.

Chris Coughlin: Mass Water Works for intersection lights upgrade West Broadway at Timpany Blvd. and Uptown Rotary public meeting scheduled for March 19, 2020 7:00 pm.
Councilor Boudreau Bond funding could be added to that.

MONEY ORDERS

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR'S

Councilor Boudreau: When will Keyes Road be paved request from Joan Gould. Looking at getting a grant to replace culvert working with Lyndsy.

Councilor Hardern: When is the list for road paving going to come out? Dane, mid-March to late March no allocation from the State yet. Final list with Mayor mid-April.

Councilor Dernalowicz: S. Main Street bridge still same status? Dane said RR wants to close that crossing so probably end up with cul-de-sac never open.

Motion made by Councilor Alek Dernalowicz second by Councilor Karen Hardern to adjourn meeting at 4:52 pm. All in favor motion passes.

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Respectfully submitted:

Denise M. Merriam, Administrative Assistant

Questions contact – Kim Tavallaimola 508-860-6448

PETITION FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS

North Andover, Massachusetts

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To the City Council
Of Gardner, Massachusetts

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

East Broadway - National Grid to install 1 SO Pole on East Broadway beginning at a point approximately 115' feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Prospect Street. Install 1 SO pole 4-2, sidewalk anchor/guy for customer electrical upgrade.

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 – East Broadway - Gardner – Massachusetts.

No.# 27407276 March 26, 2020

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.

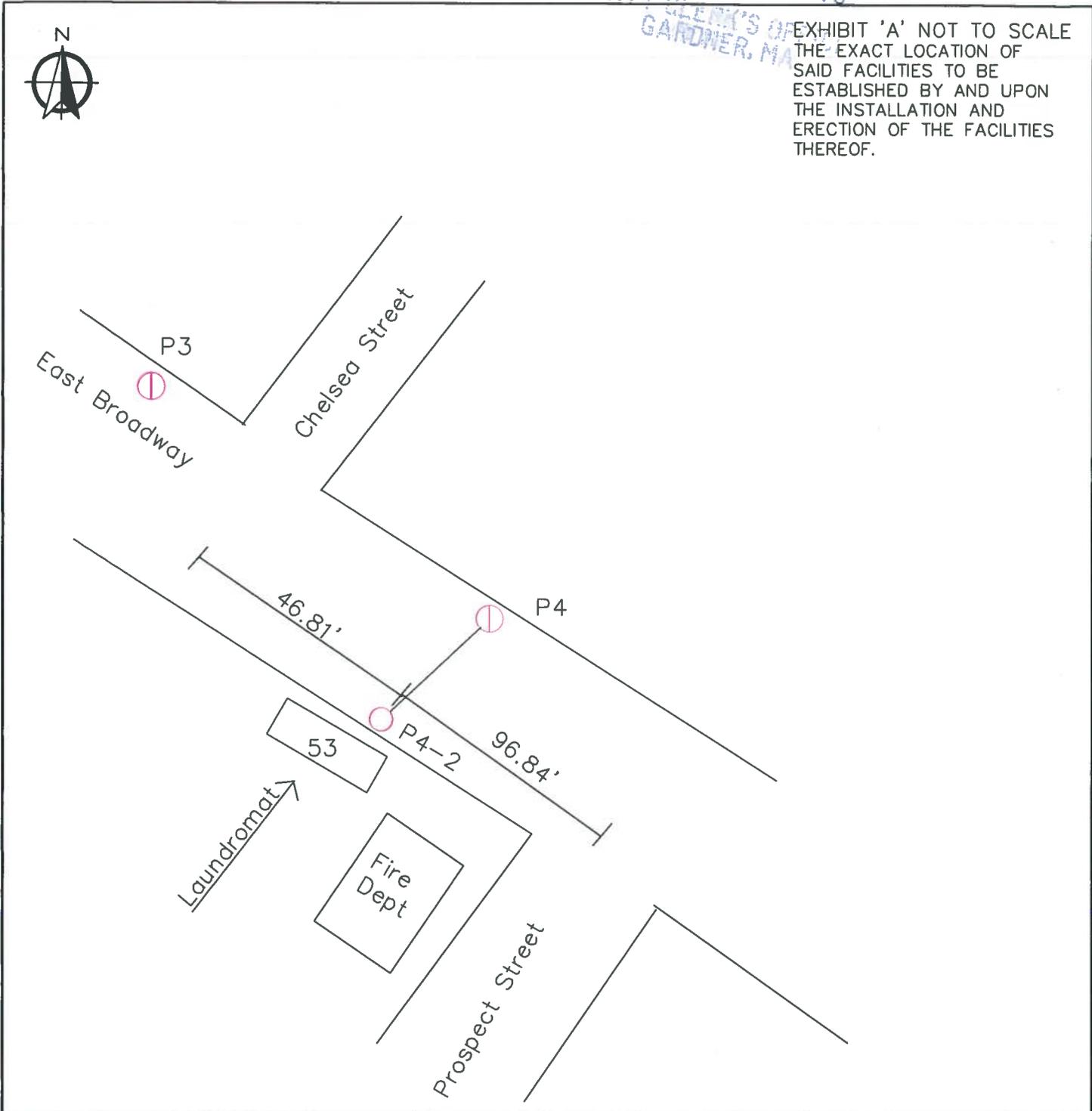
Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
BY Pat Cody
Engineering Department

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EXHIBIT 'A' NOT TO SCALE
THE EXACT LOCATION OF
SAID FACILITIES TO BE
ESTABLISHED BY AND UPON
THE INSTALLATION AND
ERECTION OF THE FACILITIES
THEREOF.



LEGEND

- ⊕ Existing JO Pole
- Proposed SO Pole
- Overhead Line

53 East Broadway
Petition

Date: 03/26/2020

Designer: Kim Tav

W/R: 27407276

53 East Broadway
New pole for business

Gardner, MA



PSC Agenda

Mr. Dane Arnold
Director of Public Works
City of Gardner

Hello Mr. Arnold,

I am a resident of Gardner at 15 Greenwood Pl. and am seeking to convert my existing heating method from oil to natural gas. I recently had an energy audit performed at the property through the MassSave program and would like to take advantage of the rebate incentives to convert as well as the lower cost of heating with natural gas as compared to oil. In my conversation with the gas provider Unitil, I was informed that in order for them to run the gas line to my property, I would need a waiver to allow digging in the street from the Gardner Department of Public Works. The street was paved in 2016 and would not qualify otherwise until 2021.

To take advantage of the conversion incentives, I would need to have the work performed this year. As such, I would like to request that the Department of Public Works grant me this waiver at their earliest opportunity. I understand that this will require a vote by the Service Committee and that this vote may be delayed as a result of the current Covid-19 situation. This conversion is one of a few incentives I plan to take advantage of based on the energy audit. Initiation of these will be delayed until a decision on the waiver is made since I must submit all planned changes at once. Is it possible for an unofficial decision to be made outside of the Service Committee vote, which can later be formalized after the Covid-19 situation has passed and the Service Committee meets? This would allow me to submit my planned changes and begin work on everything but the oil to natural gas conversion. If you require any additional information, please let me know and I would be happy to provide it.

Thank you in advance for your assistance on this matter. My contact information is below and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,



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