

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: City Council Public Services Committee

Date: March 14, 2016

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 140 Main Street

Agenda Items to be addressed:

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CITY OF MARLBOROUGH

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01-25-2016 – **Order No. 16-1006427**: Petition from National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to relocate existing P12 and install new guy P12-84, and relocating P15, P18, P27, P28, P30 & P31 to accommodate road widening project on West Hill Road, X14-1005672A.

- PUBLIC HEARING: February 22, 2016

- REFER TO PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

THE LISTING OF TOPICS THAT THE CHAIR REASONABLY ANTICIPATES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING IS NOT INTENDED AS A GUARANTEE OF THE TOPICS THAT WILL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED. NOT ALL TOPICS LISTED MAY IN FACT BE DISCUSSED, AND OTHER TOPICS NOT LISTED MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

The public should take due notice that the Marlborough City Council may have a quorum in attendance due to Standing Committees of the City Council consisting of both voting and non-voting members. However, members attending this duly posted meeting are participating and deliberating only in conjunction with the business of the Standing Committee.

Electronic devices, including laptops, cell phones, pagers, and PDAs must be turned off or put in silent mode upon entering the City Council Chamber, and any person violating this rule shall be asked to leave the chamber. Express authorization to utilize such devices may be granted by the President for recordkeeping purposes.



IN CITY COUNCIL

Marlborough, Mass., JANUARY 25, 2016

ORDERED:

That there being no objection thereto set **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015** as date for a **PUBLIC HEARING** On the Petition from National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to relocate existing P12 and install new guy P12-84, and relocating P15, P18, P27, P28, P30 & P31 to accommodate road widening project on West Hill Rd., X14-1005672A, be and is herewith refer to **PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE.**

Councilor Irish recused.

ADOPTED

ORDER NO. 16-1006427
X14-1005672A

PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

Town Copy

December 30, 2015

To The City Clerks Office
of the City of Marlborough, Massachusetts

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MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

request permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, in the following public way or ways:

West Hill Road Pole numbers 12, 12-84,15,18,27,28,30,31

**Relocating the following poles: P12 (4'North), P15 (4'North), P18 (5'North)
P27 (8' South),P28 (6' South), P31 (5' South) P30 (3.5' South) Installing new
Guy Stub Pole 12-84.**

Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked: **MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.**

Plan No. 15890420 Dated: 12/31/2013

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 petitioners agree 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

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By: *Eric Widman*
Manager of Distribution Design *EW*

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

By: *Alb. T. Donnell*
Manager, R.O.W.

ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

December 30, 2015

By the City Clerks Office
of the City of Marlborough, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:
that MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the
30th day of December, 2015

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:-

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonably straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked--

Plan No. **15890420** Dated: **12/31/2013** filed with this order.

There may attached to said **MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY** not to exceed twenty wires and by said **VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.** not to exceed forty wires and four aerial cables, and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than eighteen feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or parts of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:--

**West Hill Road Pole numbers 12, 12-84,15,18,27,28,30,31
Relocating the following poles: P12 (4'North), P15 (4'North), P18 (5'North)
P27 (8' South),P28 (6' South), P31 (5' South) P30 (3.5' South) Installing new
Guy Stub Pole 12-84.**

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.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the City Council
of the City of Marlborough, Massachusetts held on the _____ day of _____ 2015

Clerk of Council

Received and entered in the records of location orders
of the City of Marlborough, Massachusetts

Book: _____ Page: _____

City Clerk

We hereby certify that on _____ 2015 at _____ o'clock, _____ M.
at _____ a public hearing was held on the petition of the
MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

for permission to erect the poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections described in the order herewith recorded, and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which the Companies are permitted to erect poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

Council of the City of

Marlborough, Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a joint location order and certificate of hearing with notice adopted by the City Council of the City of Marlborough, Massachusetts, on the _____ day of _____ 2015 recorded with the records of location orders of said City, Book _____, Page _____.

This certified copy is made under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Pole & UG Petition/Permit Request Form

City Town of City of Marlboro WR # 15890420 (circle one)

Install 1 (quantity) SO (JO) Poles on West Hill Road (circle one) (street name)

Remove (quantity) SO (JO) Poles on (circle one) (street name)

Relocate 7 (quantity) SO (JO) Poles on West Hill Road (circle one) (street name)

Beginning at a point approximately (distance) feet (compass heading) of the centerline

of the intersection of (street name)

and continuing approximately (distance) feet in a (compass heading) direction.

Install underground facilities:

Street(s)

Description of Work:

Relocating the following poles: P12 (4' North), P15 (4' North), P18 (5' North), P27 (8' South), P28 (6' South), P30 (3.5' South), P31 (5' South)
Installing new Guy Stub Pole 12-84

ENGINEER Bruce Kut

DATE 12/29/15



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ORDERED:

That the PUBLIC HEARING On the Petition from National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to relocate existing P12 and install new guy P12-84, and relocating P15, P18, P27, P28, P30 & P31 to accommodate road widening project on West Hill Rd., Order No. 16-1006427, X14-1005672A, all were heard who wish to be heard, hearing recessed at 8:18 p.m.

Councilors Present: Delano, Doucette, Elder, Tunnera, Irish, Clancy, Landers, Juairé, Oram, Ossing, & Robey.

PUBLIC SPEAKING IN FAVOR

Crystal Tognazzi, National Grid representative from the Hopedale location, explained the petition. On October 11, 2013, National Grid was contacted by the City of Marlborough for a road widening project of West Hill Road in Marlborough. The National Grid engineer met with Ben Smith of Verizon and Chris LaFreniere from the City of Marlborough to coordinate the work with Verizon if the poles were approved for relocation.

National Grid proposed the relocation of existing Pole 12, four feet north from its existing location, along with Pole 12-84, a guy pole to help alleviate tension on that pole, as well as the back anchor behind Pole 12-84.

Sandra McCarthy, 145 West Hill Road, has lived on West Hill Road for the past twenty-three years and supported the pole relocations and proposed improvements for the road.

There is no one else speaking in favor. That part of the Public Hearing is closed.



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ORDERED:

QUESTIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

✓ Councilor Juaire had no opposition to the poles being moved if the project ultimately moved forward. He received a call over the previous weekend about a half pole on Elm Street where work was completed and would hate for that to happen on this street. When pole relocation is requested, half poles with hanging wires should not be left on the street. Ms. Tognazzi explained National Grid can only remove what they are entitled to with regards to primary and secondary. Until all attached facilities are removed by their owners, that is what is left. Councilor Juaire asked how long of a process, years? Ms. Tognazzi indicated there are no restrictions or guidelines for the transfer of facilities.

✓ Councilor Landers spoke of his opposition to double poles and the deplorable state of Simarano Drive and Forest Street with respect to their amount of double poles. Ms. Tognazzi explained National Grid has monthly meetings with Verizon and she can present the locations to Verizon at these meetings who has acted on other requests within ten days.

✓ Councilor Robey noted those opposed to double poles should support the Governor's change in legislation to allow cities and towns the ability to fine utilities who do not transfer their wires within a reasonable time. Councilor Robey questioned why they only discussed two poles when eight were listed in the petition. Ms. Tognazzi apologized for the oversight and provided information regarding the additional six poles:

- Pole 18 would relocate five feet north of its existing location;
- Pole 15 would relocate four feet north of its existing location;
- Pole 31 would relocate five feet south of its existing location;
- Pole 30 would relocate three and a half feet south of its existing location;
- Pole 28 would relocate six feet south of its existing location; and
- Pole 27 would relocate eight feet south of its existing location.

✓ Councilor Oram indicated correspondence was received regarding the poles, specifically the February 16, 2016 letter from Tracey Willmott of 123 West Hill Road, and requested relevant bullet points from the letter be read for discussion in the Public Services Committee.



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ORDERED:

✓ Councilor Doucette asked about the specifics of pole use. If Verizon and National Grid share the poles, how does Comcast be part of the pole? Ms. Tognazzi explained Verizon and National Grid are the first ones to transfer as it is their maintenance area. They set and replace all the poles in Marlborough. Comcast is an attachee and pays a fee to utilize the poles. Once the primaries are transferred, the attachees are notified and it is up to them to transfer their facilities. Councilor Doucette asked about the time frame for all transfers and Ms. Tognazzi stated there is none.

There are no further questions from members of City Council. That part of the Public Hearing is closed.

That ends the entire Public Hearing. This is currently in the Public Services Committee.

ADOPTED

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