

**CITY OF WOBURN
MAY 3, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WOBURN CITY HALL**

Roll Call

Campbell - Absent	Ferullo
Demers	Gately
Dillon	Mercer-Bruen
DiMambro	Viola
Concannon	

VOTED to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting's Journal and to APPROVE, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW PETITIONS:

On the request by National Grid under Woburn Municipal Code Section 12-24 to break up streets due to an obvious necessity in the Lowell/Wyman Street area. A communication dated April 21, 2022 was received from Diana Cuddy, Operations Support for National Grid, as follows:

As discussed, we have a large gas main replacement project coming up in the Lowell/Wyman Street area (plans attached). We have learned that some of these streets are under moratorium due to recent paving. In accordance with the City of Woburn's Municipal Code Section 12 Streets, Sidewalk and Public Places, we are requesting City Council approval to work in those streets to replace this critical infrastructure and enhance the integrity and reliability of our gas system there.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

s/Diana Cuddy

Further, a communication dated April 27, 2022 was received from Jay Duran, Superintendent, Department of Public Works as follows:

On behalf of the Woburn DPW, Mayor Galvin's office and repeated questions from Woburn residents to National Grid's request to install new gas mains across a large area in the Central Square area of the city, I have concerns that we would like input and comment on prior to the issuance of these particular permits. The project extends from the Lowell and Wyman Street

areas including Hart Place and Pilgrim Road and extending northeasterly through the Central Square area and to the Mishawum Road, Middle Street and Evangeline Road areas. Many of these areas have already had their gas mains replaced at least once or twice and many are in newly paved areas. This has become troubling to many neighbors due to construction time, noise, dust and traffic. We need to make sure this will be the final interruption. In addition, their request is to leave their infrastructure in the ground. This means 2 mains which can be acceptable at times, 3 or even 4 mains which presents major issues with spacing and a burden to the repair and maintenance to **our infrastructure within our roads. This has become officially unacceptable on many levels.**

At a minimum, National Grid should explain to the City Council and to the residents in these areas, the reasons on how this could have possibly occurred, what is being done to avoid this in the future, and what they will do to make this situation acceptable to the City of Woburn. Plain and simple, their planning has been horrible and can't be tolerated. It is completely unfair to the residents in these areas and across the city. This is a 5 phase project and will take a significant time to complete. Timelines for each are required.

I recommend that all proposed new mains be marked on the ground for further evaluation to see if we can accommodate their request on a phase by phase basis. If allowed to proceed, National Grid must be required to remove all adjacent mains and replace all disturbed roadways curb to curb to DPW specifications whether they are in moratorium or not. In certain case by case basis, a maximum of 2 gas mains can be allowed if they are clearly identified as being abandoned and do not cause a threat to DPW or other maintenance contractors and/or to the residents of the City of Woburn. The City Council should consider this request closely and condition accordingly. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns on this matter.

Motion made and 2nd that any and all communications be received and made part of the permanent record, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Motion made and 2nd to suspend the rules to allow the petitioner to speak, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Appearing for the petitioner was Brandon Barker, Community and Customer Coordinator, and Johnathan Deangelis, the Construction Supervisor. Mr. Deangelis stated that this five phased plan and allows National Grid to shut off two-pound regulator pit in the neighborhoods of Pilgrim Road, Kimball Road, Curtis Road, Brown Place, Mishawum Road, and Lowell Street. Mr. Deangelis stated all the neighborhoods are connected to the two-pound pit and are one way. Mr. Deangelis stated in 2018 there was an over pressurization and they had to shut down the pit to repair, which only took a couple of hours to repair, but took almost two days to relight all the residents' pilots. Mr. Deangelis stated they want to move to a 60-pound system connected at multiple points, mains, pits and locations. Mr. Deangelis stated the change is more for integrity, convenience, and safety. Councilor Gately stated he was on the DPW when the gas lines started, and that these roads have been dug up many times. Councilor Gately stated he had an issue since these are newly paved roads and sidewalks that have not been done in 30 years. Councilor Gately stated that the petitioner could not guarantee the City to curb to curb paving and that this would take a couple of years. Councilor Gately stated this matter should be sent off to the Committee on Infrastructure and Public Lands to figure out a system and not have the streets dug up at random. Mr. Barker stated that there is

a 60-pound connection in the area and the petitioner wants to tie into that line. Mr. Barker stated that it should take about 2 ½ years to complete. Mr. Deangelis stated that the 2 ½ years will depend upon the snow since it is New England. Mr. Deangelis stated he understood the concern since the roads and sidewalks have been paved. Mr. Deangelis stated that the petitioner will pave curb to curb and will put back when completely done at each phase, obviously with paving not being completed in the winter. Councilor Gately stated the petitioner will be intimidating residents for 2 ½ years. Mr. Barker stated that the improvements will be done by each section, and will be about six months for each section, for the entirety of the project. Councilor Gately stated he was opposed. Upon inquiry from Councilor Ferullo, Mr. Barker stated the intent of the project was to avoid an over pressurization incident which had previously occurred. Councilor Demers stated he wanted to flush this matter out in committee. Councilor Demers stated he wanted to discuss the size, scope, and quality of life for the residents with an equitable solution for all with public safety in mind. Mr. Barker presented plans for the record. Motion made and 2nd that the plans be received and made part of the permanent record, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Mr. Barker stated that on the front page it shows the projected phases, and on the back it shows the phases in colors and what streets are under moratorium. Councilor Dillon stated that if the incident did not happen we would not have been doing this project. Mr. Deangelis stated they want to eliminate the one-way feed, especially if the pit ever went down. Mr. Deangelis stated that once the over pressurization occurred it does not make sense to keep. Mr. Deangelis stated that in 2020 they brought the 60-pound main into the area. Councilor Dillon stated that in the future there should be better communication. Councilor Dillon stated the work is in his ward, and is concerned with the proximity to the elementary school and the safety of the students is number one. Councilor Dillon stated he does not want there to be a repeat issue. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated this is not the first instance Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated that DPW Superintendent Duran sent out notifications about repaving and that the communication needs to be better because something is amiss at the petitioner's end. Mr. Barker stated he came on with National Grid 1 ½ years ago and it is getting better. Mr. Barker stated there is a better open dialogue now but that is past project that is still here. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated that the cost of the paving is ultimately being passed on to the customer. Councilor Viola stated he echoed the public safety importance. Mr. Deangelis stated he does not know how many one way feeds need to be updated but he can get the answer. Mr. Deangelis stated they relay the whole thing in plastic and usually attack leaks in pipes first. Mr. Deangelis stated that this is a longtime coming and it was not communicated that this project was coming. Mr. Deangelis stated they do not want to have the mishap again and it would be highly problematic if the pit went down again in the winter. Mr. Deangelis stated he was unsure of how many one way feeds had leaks, but would circle back with an answer. Councilor Gately asked for a larger plan for the next meeting. Mr. Deangelis stated there would be new regulators as each house. Mr. Deangelis stated that all services are plastic and they may be able to cut off a couple. Mr. Deangelis stated that they will have to get onto private properties to switch the regulators. Mr. Deangelis stated this project is to update the system. Councilor DiMambro stated that the requested work is definitely to update the whole system and to avoid a major crisis like 2018. Councilor DiMambro stated the guys I know from down south that worked on that project that I spoke to said they could not believe how inadequate our system was up here as opposed to down south. Councilor DiMambro stated that those guys also stated that down south they have all the safeties as opposed to what is up

here. Upon inquiry from Councilor DiMambro, Mr. Deangelis stated that Councilor DiMambro was correct in stating that this project is for the benefit and safety of the Woburn residents that are on gas. Motion made and 2nd to return to the regular order of business, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Motion made and 2nd that the MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC LANDS, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

Petition for renewal of Taxi Cab License by Checker Cab of Woburn Inc., 827 Main Street. Motion made and 2nd that the MATTERS BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND LICENSE, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

Petition for renewal of Livery License by Checker Cab of Woburn Inc., 827 Main Street. Motion made and 2nd that the MATTERS BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND LICENSE, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

Toll Brothers request for minor modification of special permit to allow for a temporary occupancy permit to issue while waiting for poles and removal of abandoned poles, at 120 Commerce Way. A communication dated April 28, 2022 was received from Attorney Mark J. Salvati, Attorney at Law, 10 Cedar Street, Suite 26, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801 as follows:

RE: 120 Commerce Way
Request for Minor Modification to Special Permit

Dear President Concannon and Council,

Request is made to allow for the following to be accepted as a minor modification to the special permit.

1. Allow for a temporary occupancy permit to issue pending the installation of poles and removal of abandoned poles, all as approved by Woburn Building Department and DPW, provided all other work complete.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please call with any questions.

Very Truly Yours, s/Mark J Salvati

Further, a communication dated April 29, 2022 was received from Councilor Mercer-Bruen regarding "120 Commerce Way".

Motion made and 2nd that any and all communications be received and made part of the permanent record, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated that she would like to meet on this on May 24, 2022 if possible. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated that she received an email communication dated May 3, 2022 from Jacqueline A. Duffy, Eversource, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143 as follows:

Good Evening

The incorrect information was given to us last week regarding the two poles that we assumed were set.

As of today, May 3rd, we have three poles that need to have ledge removed by our contractor (JCR) who will be out there on Thursday. Hopefully, the breaking of the ledge and boulder goes well and we will be able to set the poles.

The pole that is in the driveway which is also being relocated onto customer property is approximately 6 inches from private property sewer main. Callahan was out there when our crews were there last week.

When JCR completes their work, crews will be assigned everyday completing all work needed before a permit can occur.

I have included Comcast and Verizon on this email.

s/Jacqui

Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated that the committee meeting date was actually Monday, May 23, 2022, not May 24, 2022. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated if there were significant movement then this meeting could be pushed up. Motion made and 2nd that the MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL PERMITS for the May 23, 2022 meeting and that the communication from Jacqueline A. Duffy be received and made part of the permanent record to a, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

On the petition by Verizon New England Inc. for grant of right in a way, to place one new four-inch (4") conduit ± 42' from existing conduit located on the southerly side of Montvale Avenue in a northwesterly direction onto private onto private property at 12 Montvale Avenue, in Montvale Avenue. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: A communication dated April 28, 2022 was received from Jay Duran, Superintendent, Department of Public Works as follows:

Pursuant to the petition from Verizon for a grant of right in a way on Montvale Avenue, I recommend approval under the following conditions. The request is to install conduits from

the site on Montvale Avenue to the Verizon infrastructure on the southerly side of Montvale Avenue almost directly across the street. I recommend that the City Council Grant approval for this petition under the following conditions. All disturbed curbing shall be reset to obtain a 6 inch reveal and all disturbed sidewalk panels be replaced with concrete panels to DPW specification. The conduit work must be performed at night between 8 pm and 5 am and should include DPW issued permit with conditions added for compliance to our specifications. The locations must be painted on the ground and field verified prior to installation. An as-built plan should be furnished to both the Engineering Department and to the DPW. manhole in Main Street.

Furthermore, I recommend that the Verizon representative discuss future improvements to their overhead infrastructure. In particular, the low cables from the double/triple poles in Warren Avenue are a constant complaint from the neighbors in this area. This presents problems for accessibility of larger vehicles, most importantly emergency vehicles to the Woburn Housing Authority. These matters should be formally addressed to prevent future inconvenience which has become more than aesthetics at this time. **This was a condition of approval for the adjacent parcel over a year ago and has never been addressed by Verizon.**

Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns on this matter

Motion made and 2nd that any and all communications be received and made part of the permanent record, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Motion made and 2nd that the public hearing be opened for public comments, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). PUBLIC COMMENTS: Appearing for the petitioner, Oscar Linaz, Verizon's contractor and representative, stated Verizon wants to install conduit on Montvale Avenue. Mr. Linaz stated the petitioner will pave curb to curb as requested by the DPW Superintendent. Mr. Linaz stated he did speak to Verizon about the pole lines being very low and he agrees they need to be raised. Mr. Linaz stated he was kind of surprised they were not fixed already. Mr. Linaz stated he was in agreement with the DPW Superintendent's memorandum. Councilor Gately stated he has called Verizon numerous times to get the low wires fixed. Mr. Linaz stated he did agree to fix the line hanging down by the Housing Authority. Councilor Gately stated it just needs to get done. Upon inquiry from Councilor Mercer-Bruen, Mr. Linaz stated that he said he is clear that part of the new conditions will be to fix the other line before work is done. Councilor Gately stated he preferred to close the public hearing and let this petition go to get the pole done. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated that before closing the public hearing there will be a condition that the work for fixing the low lines has to be done prior to the new grant of right in a way and it will be a contract with the City. Mr. Linaz stated he understood. Motion made and 2nd to close the public hearing, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Motion made and 2nd that the GRANT OF RIGHT IN A WAY BE APPROVED WITH conditions as outlined by the DPW Superintendent's memorandum dated April 28, 2022, as well as that the first condition that that the petitioner must complete work on overhead infrastructure on Warren Avenue, as previously required of the petitioner, before work may be started on the grant of right in a way on Montvale Avenue. Before the motion was called to a vote, Councilor Ferullo stated that this gentleman does not work for Verizon. Mr. Linaz stated he works for a telecommunications company, but not Verizon, but is representing

Verizon. Mr. Linaz stated he does not have the authority to make decisions for Verizon, that he is just the contractor and will pass this along to Verizon. Mr. Linaz stated Verizon saw the memorandum and had no issues with it. President Concannon stated that he wanted to make sure that Mr. Linaz is aware that Verizon will have to do the work at 70 Warren Avenue before work can be done on Montvale Avenue. Mr. Linaz stated he did previously state that and hew would need to bring this back to Verizon as he is a contractor so he can accept. President Concannon stated the City Council may just in fact just add that condition. At that point, both Councilor-Mercer Bruen and Councilor Viola withdrew the motion and a 2nd to Motion made and 2nd that the GRANT OF RIGHT IN A WAY BE APPROVED WITH conditions as outlined by the DPW Superintendent's memorandum dated April 28, 2022, as well as that the first condition that that the petitioner must complete work on overhead infrastructure on Warren Avenue, as previously required of the petitioner, before work may be started on the grant of right in a way on Montvale Avenue. City Clerk Higgins stated that the public hearing is closed, and that means the matter cannot be sent to committee. City Clerk Higgins stated that thought it may not be the most appropriate method, but in the past, Council members have reconsidered the vote to re-open the public hearing. City Council Higgins stated that if the public hearing is closed, the Council should not be asking questions of the petitioner. Motion made and 2nd to allow Councilor Mercer-Bruen reconsider her vote to close the public hearing, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Councilor Demers stated that if it is the will of the council, this does not need to go to committee. Councilor Demers stated the does not want to hold up a private endeavor. Councilor Demers stated there is a relationship between Verizon and the gentleman before us and that the City Council can hold Verizon responsible this evening. Councilor Demers stated that this is not a private developer, and the City Council as the governing body sets conditions regardless. Councilor Demers stated the second they came before the City Council; it became well within the Council's rights. Upon inquiry from Councilor Gately, Mr. Linaz stated that Verizon's Karen Levesque sent him down to the meeting. City Clerk Higgins stated that Karen Levesque is the one who submitted the petition. Councilor Gately stated he agreed with Councilor Demers. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated that the outcome will be exactly what should already be done from square one. Motion made and 2nd to close the public hearing, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Motion made and 2nd that the GRANT OF RIGHT IN A WAY BE APPROVED subject to the conditions as outlined by the DPW Superintendent's memorandum dated April 28, 2022 as follows: 1. All disturbed curbing shall be reset to obtain a 6-inch reveal and all disturbed sidewalk panels be replaced with concrete panels to DPW specification; 2. The conduit work must be performed at night between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. and should include DPW issued permit with conditions added for compliance to DPW specifications; 3. The locations must be painted on the ground and field verified prior to installation; 4. An as-built plan should be furnished to both the Engineering Department and to the DPW; as well as the added condition that the petitioner must complete work on overhead infrastructure on Warren Avenue, as previously required of the petitioner, before work may be started on the grant of right in a way on Montvale Avenue, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

Presented to the Mayor: May 5, 2022

s/Scott D. Galvin May 5, 2022

On the petition by Boston Gas dba Nationalgrid for grant of right in a way to install approximately 150 feet of 4 inch, plastic gas main in Porter Street. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: A communication dated April 27, 2022 was received from Jay Duran, Superintendent, Department of Public Works as follows:

Pursuant to National Grid's request to install a new gas main on Porter Street, I offer the following. This petition is necessary for the new design plan to connect the new mains on the opposite ends of Porter Street. The new main is necessary to replace the old steel main which has been a source of many Grade 1 leaks which require immediate action for repair and imminent replacement of the main. Currently there is a gap between the mains and this request is simply to loop the mains together to provide better service to their gas customers. National Grid must also clearly mark out the proposed location of the main for field review to ensure there are no detrimental impacts on the adjacent water or sewer mains and obtain a permit to perform this installation prior to excavation. The paving in Porter Street is in good condition with the exception of the previously described excavations for repair. Given the foregoing, I recommend that if the grant of location is approved, the pavement be milled and restored curb to curb for the limits of the excavation which include the tie-in points into Lawrence Street. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns on this matter.

Motion made and 2nd that any and all communications be received and made part of the permanent record, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Appearing for the petitioner, Diana Cuddy, Operations Support for National Grid stated there are existing lines on both Porter Street and Warren Avenue and National Grid would like to connect the two in order to eliminate the dead end lines. Ms. Cuddy stated that this is being done to under the integrity because of the age of the pipes. Ms. Cuddy stated that the only concern she had with the DPW Superintendent's memorandum is that she did not agree that the street was in good shape and that she preferred the paving be part of the street opening permit itself. President Concannon stated that the DPW Superintendent is requesting the City Council make it part of the for grant of right in a way and milled and disturbed curb to curb. Ms. Cuddy stated that the process is usually the petitioner gets the grant of right, and then files for a street opening permit and the paving is usually part of the street opening permit. Ms. Cuddy stated she was connecting the whole loop onto Warren Avenue. Ms. Cuddy stated the existing line is being replaced under a previous grant of right in a way, and that this new request is to ask for the connection. Ms. Cuddy stated the new line will be brought around to tie into Warren Avenue and that it will not be going to Lawrence Street. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated that the DPW Superintendent has made his opinion clear and that the paving will be included in the grant of right in a way. Motion made and 2nd that the public hearing be opened for public comments, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). PUBLIC COMMENTS: None. Motion made and 2nd to close the public hearing, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Motion made and 2nd that the GRANT OF RIGHT IN A WAY BE APPROVED subject to the conditions as outlined by the DPW Superintendent's memorandum dated April 27, 2022 as follows: 1. National Grid must clearly mark out the proposed location of the main for field review to ensure there are no detrimental impacts on the adjacent water or sewer mains and obtain a permit to perform this installation prior to excavation; and 2. National Grid must mill the

pavement and restore pavement curb to curb for the limits of the excavation which include the tie-in points into Lawrence Street, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

Presented to the Mayor: May 5, 2022

s/Scott D. Galvin May 5, 2022

On the petition by Montvale Land LLC, c/o Joseph R. Tarby, III, Esquire, Rubin & Rudman LLP, 600 Unicorn Park Drive, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801 to amend Sections 13 (SIGN REGULATIONS) and 28 (TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS MIXED USE OVERLAY DISTRICT [TBOD]) of the 1985 Woburn Zoning Ordinances (WZO) as follows: (a) Adding a new provision as Section 13.9.1.6 that would allow, in B-I zoning districts, one free-standing sign per lot that advertises the street address, name of development(s) or project(s), and/or name of businesses in a TBOD district adjacent to such B-I zoning district; (b) Adding a new provision as Section 13.9.2.9 that would allow the off-premises free-standing signs noted in (a) above to be up to 100 sq. ft. in size per sign face (maximum of 200 sq. ft.), up to 30' in height, and permissible anywhere on a lot regardless of applicable setback and "location" requirements with approval of the Building Commissioner; (c) Revising Section 28.3 and 28.6.3 to authorize the City Council to allow, by special permit, additional uses not otherwise permitted by Section 28.6.1.19; (d) Amending Section 28.6.1 to allow roof-mounted, solar carport/canopy, small-scale ground-mounted, medium-scale ground-mounted, large-scale ground-mounted, off-grid and passive solar energy systems, and solar thermal systems, by right with site plan review; (e) Adding a new Section 28.7.6 relating to solar photovoltaic installations that would incorporate the dimensional requirements of Section 26.5 (subject to the City Council's authority to vary dimensional requirements pursuant to Section 28.3) and eliminate any setback requirement for solar photovoltaic installations in a TBOD that are within a yard abutting I-93; (f) Adding a new Section 28.11 entitled "Solar Photovoltaic Installations" to incorporate the requirements of Section 26 with respect to solar photovoltaic installations unless otherwise provided for in Section 28; and (g) Renumbering subsequent subsections (current subsections 28.11, 28.12, 28.13, 28.14 and 28.15) sequentially, to accommodate the insertion noted in (f) above. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: A communication dated April 27, 2022 was received from Attorney Joseph R. Tarby, III, Rubin and Rudman LLP, 600 Unicorn Park Drive, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801 as follows:

RE: Zoning Amendment Petition of Montvale Land LLC

Dear Ms. Higgins:

I respectfully request that the public hearing on the above matter scheduled for May 3, 2022 be continued to the City Council meeting scheduled for May 17, 2022. A public hearing was held on April 26, 2022 before the Planning Board. At the conclusion of its hearing the Petition was continued to the next meeting of the Planning Board scheduled for May 10, 2022. Since the City Council must receive a recommendation from the Planning Board prior to action on the Petition it makes sense to continue the City Council public hearing until after the Planning Board vote.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Very truly yours, s/Joseph R. Tarby, III

Further, a communication dated April 27, 2022 was received from Tina P. Cassidy, Woburn Planning Board Director as follows:

RE: PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT to amend Section 13 and 28 of the 1985 City of Woburn Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to allow for offsite directional signage for, and solar photovoltaic systems in, the Technology and Business Mixed Use Overlay District / Montvale Land LLC

Dear Ms. Higgins:

At a meeting of the Planning Board held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, members of the Board voted unanimously to continue the public hearing on the above-referenced application. The public hearing will recommence at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Respectfully, s/Tina P. Cassidy, Planning Board Director

Motion made and 2nd that any and all communications be received and made part of the permanent record, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Motion made and 2nd that the public hearing be opened for public comments, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). PUBLIC COMMENTS: None. Motion made and 2nd that the PUBLIC HEARING BE CONTINUED TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 17, 2022, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

A committee report was received “ought to pass” for the following:

ORDERED That the amount of \$285,000.00 be and is transferred as follows from Unreserved Fund Balance Acct# 01-359000 \$285,000.00 to Engineering/New Boston Street Acct# 0112158-589260 \$285,000.00.

I hereby recommend the above: s/Scott D. Galvin, Mayor
I have reviewed the above: s/Charles E. Doherty, City Auditor

s/President Michael Concannon

Motion made and 2nd that the COMMITTEE REPORT BE ADOPTED, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

Presented to the Mayor: May 5, 2022

s/Scott D. Galvin May 5, 2022

A committee report was received “ought to pass” for the following:

ORDERED That the amount of \$1,700,000.00 be and is transferred as follows from Water/Sewer Enterprise Unreserved Fund Balance Acct# 6410-359000 \$1,700,000.00 to Commercial Meters Acct# 623058-580000 \$1,700,000.00.

I hereby recommend the above: s/Scott D. Galvin, Mayor
I have reviewed the above: s/Charles E. Doherty, City Auditor

s/President Michael Concannon

Motion made and 2nd that the COMMITTEE REPORT BE ADOPTED, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

Presented to the Mayor: May 5, 2022

s/Scott D. Galvin May 5, 2022

A committee report was received “ought to pass” for the following:

ORDERED That the amount of \$1,054,008.53 be and is transferred as follows from BLS/Ambulance Receipts Acct# 31359-595000 \$1,054,008.53 to Fire Regular Salary Acct# 0122051-511000 \$336,000.00, Fire Ambulance Salary Acct# 0122051-511500 \$381,000.00, Fire / Overtime Acct# 0122051-513100 \$193,000.00, Fire 16th Man Overtime Acct# 0122051-513101, \$87,000.00, Ambulance Maintenance Acct# 0122054-544300 \$21,000.00, Apparatus Maintenance Acct# 0122054-544400 \$15,000.00, Computer Maint / Fire Acct# 0122054-544500 \$6,008.53, and Medical Attention Acct# 0122054-558103 \$15,000.00.

I hereby recommend the above: s/Scott D. Galvin, Mayor
I approve the above: s/Donald Kenton, Fire Chief
I have reviewed the above: s/Charles E. Doherty, City Auditor

s/President Michael Concannon

Motion made and 2nd that the COMMITTEE REPORT BE ADOPTED, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

Presented to the Mayor: May 5, 2022

s/Scott D. Galvin May 5, 2022

ORDINANCE, CHARTER AND RULES:

A committee report was received “ought to pass” for the following:

ORDERED

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Woburn that Title 13, Public Services, of the Woburn Municipal Code as amended, be further amended, by revising Article II, Water System, as follows: (additions in **bold**; ~~deletions in strikethrough~~)

Section 13.2.14 Water Meters

On all water service installations other than those solely for the purpose of fire protection, the pipe shall be equipped with such meters and meter reading devices, as the Superintendent of Public Works shall direct. All meters and meter reading devices shall be purchased by and remain the property of the Department of Public Works. For all residential units in existence as of January 1, 2013, all meters and meter reading devices shall be installed and remain the property of the Department of Public Works at no charge. ~~All meter reading devices shall be purchased by, installed and remain the property of the Department of Public Works at no charge to all commercial units in existence as of January 1, 2013.~~

For all new construction of residential ~~and commercial~~ units after January 1, 2013, the builder shall make payment with the Department of Public Works for the full cost of furnishing the water meter and meter reading unit. No such service shall be installed until payment has been received by the Department of Public Works. No abatement or refunding of the cost of the installation shall be made. The City shall not be required to make connections at its expense. The minimum meter size for all new connections shall be 1-inch.

Multi-family dwelling with six (6) or more units, including condominiums and townhouses, shall be equipped with such meter and meter reading devices, in the manner as the Superintendent of Public Works shall direct. In addition, a separate water meter and meter reading device shall be installed on all services lines for outdoor water use such as irrigation lines, pool houses, etc. in the manner as the Superintendent shall direct. “Multi-family dwelling units with six (6)

or more units, including condominiums and townhouses, shall be billed at the commercial water and sewer rates for outdoor water use. Multi-family dwelling units with five (5) or less units, including condominiums and townhouses, that have a separate service line for outdoor water use, shall be billed at the residential water and sewer rates for such use. Townhouse and condominium associations with more than one building on a lot for dwelling purposes shall be billed at the commercial water and sewer rates for outdoor water use.

For all commercial units, meters and reading devices shall be supplied, installed and owned by the Department of Public Works. The cost of meters and reading devices shall be charged to the user based upon the cost of the water meter and reading devices over a 5-year period. All meter charges shall be deposited to the Water and Sewer Enterprise Account and accounted for separately, and are to be used for water meter replacement and maintenance.

s/President Michael Concannon
Per Request of the Mayor

Motion made and 2nd that the COMMITTEE REPORT BE ADOPTED, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

Presented to the Mayor: May 5, 2022

s/Scott D. Galvin May 5, 2022

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

A communication dated April 27, 2022 was received from Miles Lang-Kennedy, Eversource, as follows:

Dear City Council Members:

We are resuming construction on the **Eversource Woburn to Wakefield 345 kilovolt Underground Transmission Project** this year in Woburn. The following is a progress update and a forecast of anticipated construction activities.

Eversource and McCourt Construction have been coordinating with the City of Woburn Department of Public Works (DPW) to plan work activities on a week-to-week basis, depending on weather forecasts. The primary focus in 2022 is completing duct bank on Main Street, Cross Street and Lake Avenue. Furthermore, Eversource would like to commence a trenchless crossing near our Woburn Substation on Lake Avenue.

For weekly project schedule updates, we encourage abutting property owners and residents to visit: <https://eversource.com/content/woburn-wakefield-project>.

Below is a list of current or near-term anticipated work zones and associated activities in Woburn to support Eversource's Woburn to Wakefield Project.

Work Zone 1 – Montvale Avenue between Maple Street and Rainin Road (Ongoing):

- Crews are completing a small stretch of duct bank near the I-93 interchange and work in this area is expected to be completed by the end of May 2022.
- Construction activity is happening between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Lane restrictions will be utilized during work hours.
- Access for businesses and residents will be maintained.

Work Zone 2 – Main Street and Cross Street (Ongoing):

- Crews resumed work at this location in mid-April, during daytime work hours, to excavate and install duct bank.
- Construction activity on Main Street will occur between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Access for businesses and residents will be maintained.
- Remaining work at Main Street is anticipated to take 3-4 weeks and our contractor will move along Cross Street after receiving feedback from City staff.
- Project outreach to nearby property owners was completed in advance of work.

Work Zone 3 – Lake Avenue / Horn Pond Area (Anticipated):

- Eversource plans to begin installing duct bank on Lake Avenue between Pickering Street and Cove Street as well as a trenchless crossing of the Horn Pond Brook. Work schedules will be based on feedback from the Woburn DPW.
- The Project Team is working with the Woburn DPW to review locations of existing utilities and confirm a duct bank alignment that minimizes impact to those utilities.
- Crews will soon begin conducting field tests to identify existing utilities before proceeding with work along this road.
- Daytime construction activity on Lake Avenue will occur between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Residents will be notified in advance of this work.

General Project Information:

Steel road plates will be used to safely secure the area at the end of each work shift. Pedestrian detours and parking restrictions may be necessary during certain phases of the work. Parking restrictions will be clearly posted in advance.

As construction continues, please note that the Woburn Police Department may modify the traffic management plans based on their judgement and expertise. This includes street closures and traffic detours to ensure public safety.

Owners of property along this project route are encouraged to direct questions and concerns to the Eversource project hotline at **1-800-793-2202** or send an email

to ProjectInfo@eversource.com. Members of the public can also sign up to receive email updates by visiting this link <https://bit.ly/EversourceWWsignup>. A field outreach representative will respond to all inquiries via phone or email.

Feel free to contact **Miles Lang-Kennedy** (781-583-8705) or **Eric Sacchetti** (781-570-1228) with any questions.

Motion made and 2nd that the MATTER BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS: None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

From the Traffic Commission:

ORDERED Be it ordered that Schedule 1 Parking Restrictions of the 2017 Woburn Traffic Code, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

MT. PLEASANT STREET – Handicapped accessible parking space be established at 14 Mt. Pleasant Street.

Motion made and 2nd that the ORDER BE ADOPTED, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

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s/Scott D. Galvin May 5, 2022

From the Traffic Commission:

ORDERED Be it ordered that Schedule 1 Parking Restrictions of the 2017 Woburn Traffic Code, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

EAST DEXTER AVENUE – No parking on the northerly side from North Maple Street westerly to Chester Avenue.

Motion made and 2nd that the MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE, CHARTER AND RULES, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent).

Motion made and 2nd to ADJOURN, all in favor, 8-0-1 (Campbell Absent). Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Lindsay E. Higgins
City Clerk and Clerk of the City Council