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November 18, 2009

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works convened on November 18, 2009, with Chairman John Connolly presiding and Committee Member Alderman Bruce Desmond also present and voting. Also present were Alderman Robert Trane, DPW Commissioner Stan Koty, Superintendent of Lines and Lights Steve McEachern and William Zamparelli from NSTAR.

Mr. McEachern updated the members on the status of double poles in the city and stated that 118 poles have been removed so far this year. Mr. Koty informed the members that the city is experiencing the most problems with Verizon, noting that they are not pulling permits for work, as required. Mr. Koty also stated that NSTAR has been very cooperative in working with the city to reduce the number of double poles. Mr. Zamparelli addressed the committee and informed the members that NSTAR has 11 poles remaining to be removed and he also discussed the double pole database and its update frequency. Alderman Trane made Mr. Zamparelli aware of a problem double pole at the corner of North Street and Raymond Avenue and Chairman Connolly discussed having Aldermen advise the committee of known double pole problems. Chairman Connolly requested that Mr. Koty and Mr. McEachern report back to the committee on the status of all Board of Aldermen orders pertaining to double poles. Chairman Connolly also asked that Mr. Koty work with the Fire Department to verify the items listed on NSTAR's Double Pole Summary Data sheet and work together to get the problems rectified.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following item:

183744: Grant of Location - NStar Electric for a Grant of Location to install 55 feet of conduit at 112 Elm St.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

Alderman John M. Connolly, Chairman
Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works