



Braintree Town Council
Committee on the Department of Public Works
One JFK Memorial Drive
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

MEMBERS

Charles Ryan, Chairman
Julia Flaherty, Vice Chairwoman
Lawrence Mackin, member

April 4, 2023
MINUTES

A meeting of the Committee on the Department of Public Works was held in Johnson Chambers, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

There was a moment of silence for all those serving in our armed services, past and present, and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Councilor Charles Ryan, Chairman was in the Chair.
Clerk of the Council, Susan Cimino conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles Ryan, Chairman
Lawrence Mackin, member (Remote)

Not Present: Julia Flaherty, Vice-Chairwoman

Also Present: Jim Arsenault, DPW Director
John Thompson, Town Engineer/ Assistant DPW Director
Mary Mulrone, National Grid representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• October 3, 2022

Motion: by Councilor Mackin to Approve Minutes of October 3, 2022

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Roll Call Vote: For (2 – Mackin, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (1 - Flaherty), Abstain (0)

• October 18, 2023

Motion: by CouncilorMackin to Approve Minutes of October 18, 2022

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Roll Call Vote: For (2 – Mackin, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (1 - Flaherty), Abstain (0)

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- **23 020 National Grid Petition: Magnolia Street/Linden Street or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman Ryan discussed the recommendations by BELD and DPW. He stated National Grid agrees to all requested staff recommendations. It was noted this area was impacted when the road was opened replacing water lines. The request is to notify residents of the work so they know what is being done and when.

Motion was read by Councilor Mackin for favorable recommendation to the full Council with Staff Recommendations:

MOTION: The National grid hereby respectfully requests your consent to relay approximately 1210 feet of 2-inch bare steel gas main (installed 1940/1949) and approximately 25 feet of 2-inch plastic gas main (installed 1979/1980) with approximately 1235 feet of 2-inch plastic gas in Magnolia Street, from house #17 Magnolia St. to #110 Magnolia St. Relay approximately 425 feet of 2-inch bare steel gas main (installed 1940) with approximately 425 feet of 2-inch plastic in Linden Street, from Magnolia St. to Tingley Rd. with staff recommendations:

BELD: No conflicts with BELD

DPW: The DPW has reviewed the subject petition and the accompanying plan for the gas main replacement on Magnolia Street and Linden Street. The work is being proposed to eliminate aging gas infrastructure. Magnolia Street and Linden Street are not subject to the excavation moratorium having been resurfaced by shim and microsurface in 2015, but prior to enactment of the roadway moratorium ordinance. A watermain replacement project was completed on Magnolia Street in 2022 and the roadway is currently scheduled for curb-to-curb paving by the Town, following National Grid's work. The pavement on Linden Street is in good condition. As such, the DPW recommends the following conditions be met if the subject petition is granted:

A temporary asphalt patch shall be placed immediately following the work in all areas. Street excavations should be saw-cut, backfilled and compacted in 8-inch lifts, paved to match existing asphalt depth (with a minimum depth of four inches) in two-inch lifts to match the existing street grade. After maintaining the temporary patch through one winter, a permanent patch shall be placed on Linden Street the following spring. The permanent patch shall be a curb-to-crown mill and overlay with a pavement depth 1.5 inches. Tack coat should be applied to milled surfaces and joints prior to paving. Finished joints should be treated with a rubberized asphalt sealer.

We also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

"No contractor is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs

and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department."

Motion: by Councilor Mackin to Approve Order 23 020

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Roll Call Vote: For (2 – Mackin, Ryan), Against (0), Absent (1 - Flaherty), Abstain (0)

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:18p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- Minutes of October 3, 2022
- Minutes of October 18, 2023
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