



Braintree Town Council

ORDER NO: 17 032

DATE FILED: MAY 5, 2017

REQUEST OF: RESIDENT

The resident at 66 Spruce Street hereby respectfully requests your consent to approve the petition to install at 66 Spruce Street a water service lateral and a gas service lateral in Spruce Street to service house #66 Spruce Street and only repair trenches disturbed. Trenches are to be repaired by the party or contractor who disturbs such trench.

The following conditions were recommended from BELD and DPW:

BELD: No underground electric utility conflicts or special requirements within the proposed scope of work.

DPW: To install at 66 Spruce Street a water service lateral and a gas service lateral in Spruce Street to service house number 66. Spruce Street is under the moratorium enacted by the Town in 2015 having been re-paved and microsurfaced in 2016. For transverse trenches in a Road resurfaced as Spruce Street was the moratorium is 5 years. Road openings may be made after 2021 without waiving the ordinance. Some of the statements in the petition need to be clarified: #1. The street was re-paved and then microsurfaced, not merely "sealcoated." #2. The street has not been opened already. More asphalt was added and then infrared-heated to blend in with the adjacent surfaces in order to displace a puddle that had formed adjacent to two driveways. #3. The gas valve in front of the house has not sunk. It is low because it was not raised after the 2.5 to 3 inches of pavement were added in the re-paving. National Grid had been notified to raise it before the microsurface was paved but still has not raised it. Also in comment #4 the water and gas cannot be in the same trench as National Grid will be responsible for their trench and the contractor the property owner hires for the water service will be responsible for their trench. They can be within the same repair area but the trenches must be separated enough to identify the responsible party. Since the street is under the moratorium, I recommend that the petition not be granted. However, if the Council finds extenuating circumstances and there is no viable option to meet the resident's needs without excavating the newly re-paved street, I would recommend that the petition for this road opening only be granted on the conditions that since Spruce Street is narrow and so recently repaved that, after maintaining the temporary trench through one winter but within one year of placement of the temporary trench repair, *(This following statement is not required by Council) the permanent repair be edge to edge in the roadway and at least 20 feet long centered between the two trenches and overlapping the edges by at least 5 feet, that any castings within the area be raised to final grade, and that surety in the amount of not less than \$2000 be put in place to guarantee the satisfactory completion of the repairs.*

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



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Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors 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.

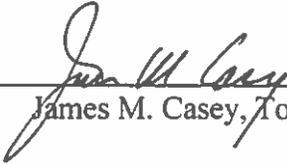
YEAS: Clifford, Hume, Mullaney, Owens, Powers, Ryan

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Bowes, Kokoros, O'Brien

PASSED IN COUNCIL: JULY 11, 2017

A True Record, Attest:



James M. Casey, Town Clerk