



**CITY OF CONCORD**  
*New Hampshire's Main Street™*  
***Community Development Department***

David Cedarholm, PE  
*City Engineer*

**CITY OF CONCORD - POLES AND WIRES COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

The City of Concord's Poles and Wires Committee held a committee meeting on October 28, 2021, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room of City Hall.

**ATTENDEES**

David Cedarholm, City of Concord, City Engineer  
Chip Chesley, City of Concord, Director, General Services  
Heather Shank, City of Concord, City Planner  
Paul Gendron, City of Concord, City Surveyor  
Sue Golden, City of Concord, Deputy Assessor  
Gary Miller, Unifit Energy Systems

**CALL TO ORDER**

David Cedarholm called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

Paul Gendron indicated that he had sent out copies of the 4/22/21, 7/29/21, and the 9/23/21 draft meeting minutes for review. Heather Shank made a motion to approve the minutes. Chip Chesley seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**FINAL APPLICATION**

1. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic conduit within a City Right-of-Way.  
Regional Drive 65

Mr. Gendron stated that this application is for approximately 85 feet of underground fiber optic conduit across Regional Drive for the NH Distributors facility at 65 Regional Drive, and that Gary Lemay and George Maloney (of the Engineering Services Division) were aware of the application and the need for an excavation permit.

Mr. Gendron recommended approval of the application. Ms. Shank made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Chesley seconded the motion and the application was unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS – FINAL APPLICATIONS**

1. Discuss the potential relocation of utility poles on South Main Street near Langdon Avenue to accommodate CIP # 505, South Main Street Corridor Improvements.

Mr. Cedarholm briefly explained the purpose of CIP #505. He also stated that he has had conversations with Gary Miller about Unitil relocating the poles at their cost and that Unitil has stated that they will not. Mr. Miller pointed out that even though the poles are jointly owned by Unitil and Consolidated Communications, the ultimate responsibility to relocate the poles is actually with Consolidated Communications, because the poles are located in their maintenance area.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the reasoning that Unitil believes that they shouldn't have to move the poles at their cost. Mr. Miller concurred that if CIP #505 was being constructed in its entirety, then Unitil would move their poles. He stated that because it's not the whole CIP project, poles will not be moved at their cost. He stated that the request to move poles is due to a private development project, not the City's CIP project.

Mr. Chesley asked Mr. Miller a hypothetical question, if the City Council voted to build only a portion of the CIP, would Unitil's answer be the same? Mr. Miller stated no.

Mr. Cedarholm made a motion that "The Poles and Wires Committee recognizes that the City holds utility pole licenses for poles belonging to Unitil and Consolidated Communications on South Main Street near Langdon Avenue that are in the way of implementing a portion of CIP #505, and the Committee moves to instruct the City Engineer to work with the City Solicitor on drafting a letter for the purpose of directing Unitil and Consolidated Communications to relocate 4 or more utility poles to the eastern limit of the South Main Street right-of-way to accommodate improvements consistent with CIP #505 and per RSA 231:177."

Ms. Shank stated that she would like to make the motion subject to concurrence with the City Solicitor agreeing that we have the legal right to request the relocation.

Mr. Chesley seconded the motion and all concurred.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items to discuss, Ms. Shank made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Chesley.