



CITY OF CONCORD
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Community Development Department

Martha Drukker
Interim 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 March 28, 2023, at 1:30 PM.

ATTENDEES

Martha Drukker, Interim City Engineer
Heather Shank, City Planner
Chip Chesley, Director, General Services Department
Paul Gendron, City Surveyor
Harold Palmer, Fire Alarm & Traffic Superintendent

Martha Drukker called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF 8/10/22 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Drukker opened the item. Heather Shank moved to approve the 8/10/22 Poles and Wires Committee meeting minutes. Chip Chesley seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Ms. Drukker asked Paul Gendron to outline the agenda. Mr. Gendron stated that there are seven projects on the agenda for segTEL, d/b/a FirstLight Fiber.

FINAL APPLICATION

1. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic within a City Right-of-Way, Thompson Street

Mr. Gendron stated that this application is for fiber optic along Thompson Street and South Main Street, which is Item 2, to service the Capital Center for the Arts. He stated that the fiber is starting at existing plant on South State Street, and then proceeding easterly along Thompson Street to South Main Street, then, he believes, southerly in underground Comcast conduit to the Capital Center for the Arts. He stated that he had sent an email to Linda Hanson of FirstLight to clarify whether conduit would be utilized, or whether overhead fiber optic would be attached to the two poles on South Main Street. Ms. Shank made

a motion to approve the application with the recommendation that the new fiber optic be placed in the underground conduit along South Main Street. Mr. Chesley seconded the motion and the application was approved.

2. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic within a City Right-of-Way.
South Main Street

See discussion above for 1. Thompson Street.

3. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic conduit within a City Right-of-Way.
Fayette Street

Mr. Gendron stated that this application is for fiber optic along Fayette Street to service 4 Fayette Street. He stated that the fiber is starting at existing plant on South State Street, and then proceeding easterly along Fayette Street to the second building on the north side of Fayette Street. Mr. Gendron recommended that the committee approve the application.

Ms. Shank made a motion to approve the application. Ms. Drukker seconded the motion and the application was approved.

4. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic conduit within a City Right-of-Way.
Auburn Street

Mr. Gendron stated that this application is for fiber optic along Auburn Street and Little Pond Road, Item 5., to service the property at 109 Little Pond Road. He stated that the fiber is starting at existing plant on Auburn Street at Columbus Avenue, and then proceeding northerly along Auburn Street to Little Pond Road. Mr. Gendron recommended that the committee approve the application in conjunction with item 5., Little Pond Road.

Ms. Shank made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Chesley seconded the motion and the application was approved.

5. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic within a City Right-of-Way.
Little Pond Road

See discussion above for 4. Auburn Street.

6. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic within a City Right-of-Way.
Oak Hill Road

Mr. Gendron stated that this application is for fiber optic along Oak Hill Road and Tower Road, Item 7., starting at the Concord / Loudon town line. He stated that the fiber is starting at existing plant on Oak Hill Road in Loudon, then proceeding westerly to a cross country easement on private property between

251 Oak Hill Road and 259 Oak Hill Road, then proceeding northerly along the easement across private property to the Oak Hill Fire Tower in Loudon. He pointed out that what FirstLight is calling Tower Road is not accurate. Tower Road is actually located in Loudon, and that the private easement between 251 Oak Hill Road and 259 Oak Hill Road is not a road, it is just a utility pole line. Mr. Gendron recommended that the committee approve the application for Oak Hill Road, but not the application for 7. Tower Road. The application submitted for 7. is actually a private easement between 251 Oak Hill Road and 259 Oak Hill Road, and the City has no jurisdiction or authority to license the fiber optic on the utility pole line crossing the private property between 251 Oak Hill Road and 259 Oak Hill Road, to the fire tower in Loudon.

Ms. Shank made a motion to approve the application for Oak Hill Road with the condition that the applicant supply to the City, documentation that they have permission to attach to the utility poles on the pole line crossing private property between 251 Oak Hill Road and 259 Oak Hill Road. Mr. Chesley seconded the motion and the application was approved.

7. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic within a City Right-of-Way. Tower Road

Mr. Gendron stated that this application is an extension of the Oak Hill Road application, however, it is located on private property and the City has no jurisdiction or authority to license the fiber optic. Mr. Gendron stated that he would notify the applicant and point out the condition as approved above in 6. Oak Hill Road.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to discuss at 1:47 PM, Ms. Shank made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Chesley.