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Community Development Department
Engineering Services Division

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CITY OF CONCORD - POLES AND WIRES COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

The City of Concord's Poles and Wires Committee held a committee meeting on March 25, 2025, at 10:00 AM

ATTENDEES

Michael Bezanson, City Engineer
Chip Chesley, Director, General Services Department
AnneMarie Skinner, City Planner
Paul Gendron, City Surveyor

Sean Conway, Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless

Michael Bezanson called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

APPROVAL OF 10/2/24 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Bezanson opened the item. Chip Chesley moved to approve the 10/2/24 Poles and Wires Committee meeting minutes. AnneMarie Skinner seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Bezanson asked Paul Gendron to outline the agenda. Mr. Gendron stated that there are five applications on the agenda, one for Unitil Energy Systems on Highland Street, one for Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless on West Portsmouth Street, and three for segTEL dba FirstLight Fiber; however, because segTEL had not submitted additional information as requested, he recommended that the three items be tabled until the information is submitted.

Mr. Gendron introduced Sean Conway, who was in attendance on behalf of Verizon Wireless.

FINAL APPLICATIONS

3. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic within a city right-of-way.
Commercial Street

The Committee took up Items 3, 4, and 5 first based on Mr. Gendron's recommendation when he recommended that applications be tabled. Mr. Chesley made the motion to table the items to a future meeting after receiving the revised information. Mr. Bezanson seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

4. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic within a city right-of-way.
Branch Turnpike

See Item 3.

5. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic within a city right-of-way.
Henniker Street

See Item 3.

2. Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless request for licensure of one small wireless facility on one (1) pole and structure within a city right-of-way.
West Portsmouth Street

Mr. Gendron stated that this application is for one 4G small cell antenna on a pole on the west side of West Portsmouth Street. He stated that this Committee has approved many 4G applications over the past 2 years and that this installation conforms to previous sites, and that both Unitil and Consolidated had approved this location. Mr. Gendron recommended that the application be approved. Mr. Chesley made a motion to approve the application. Ms. Skinner seconded the motion and the application was approved.

1. Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., request for licensure of one (1) utility pole within a city right-of-way.
Highland Street

Mr. Gendron stated that this application is for one new pole on Highland Street. He stated that the property known as 25 and 27 Highland Street will have a new duplex and that the existing pole in front of the property is located where the new driveway will be located. Unitil proposes resetting a new pole on the west side of the driveway. Mr. Gendron stated that the ZBA had approved two variances, one for lot frontage and one for lot area, to allow the construction of the duplex. He showed the Committee a site plan that had been submitted to the City, which showed the location of the new utility pole. He then reminded the Committee about RSA 231:160-a, which states in part "Any pole the location of which [has] already been approved by the local land use board as part of a subdivision, site plan, or other development approval ... shall be legally permitted or licensed without further proceedings under this [statute]." A brief discussion ensued as to whether the ZBA approval constituted the approval as envisioned by RSA 231:160-a. Mr. Chesley questioned whether the Committee should make the legal determination as to whether the ZBA is a land use board for the purposes of approving a utility pole location and asked if there was any harm in the Committee approving the application. Ms. Skinner reviewed the zoning file and determined that the site plan approved by the ZBA did not include the proposed pole location, and therefore, even if the ZBA approval could qualify under 231:160-a, it was a moot point due to the pole not being shown on the ZBA approved plan. Based on that information, Mr.

Gendron recommended that the application be approved by the Committee. Mr. Chesley made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Bezanson seconded the motion and the application was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to discuss at 10:10 AM, Mr. Bezanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Chesley.