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CITY OF CONCORD - POLES AND WIRES COMMITTE

MEETING MINUTES

The City of Concord's Poles and Wires Committee held a committee meeting on April 17, 2026, at 11:00 AM

ATTENDEES

Michael Bezanson, City Engineer
Timothy Thompson, Acting City Planner
Jeff Hoadley, Director of General Services
Paul Gendron, City Surveyor – Minutes taker

Michael Bezanson called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

APPROVAL OF 9/25/25 MEETING MINUTES

Jeff Hoadley moved to approve the 9/25/25 Poles and Wires Committee meeting minutes. Timothy Thompson seconded the motion to accept the minutes.

FINAL APPLICATIONS

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

   Mr. Gendron stated that this application is for underground fiber optic along Commercial Street from the intersection of Horseshoe Pond Lane to Delta Drive, to provide service to the property known as 80 Commercial Street. segTEL has permission from Fairpoint, now Fidium, to occupy their conduit system. Mr. Gendron recommended that the application be approved by the Committee. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Bezanson 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. East Side Drive

   Mr. Gendron stated that this application is for overhead fiber optic at East Side Drive, to provide service

to Havenwood Heritage Heights. segTEL has permission from the pole owners to attach. Mr. Gendron recommended that the application be approved by the Committee. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Hoadley seconded the motion and the application was approved.

3. segTEL, Inc., d/b/a FirstLight Fiber, request for licensure of fiber optic within a City Right-of-Way.
North State Street and Montgomery Street

   Mr. Gendron stated that this application is for underground fiber optic along North State Street from the intersection of Centre Street, to Montgomery Street, to provide service to the property known as 24 Montgomery Street. segTEL has permission from Fairpoint, now Fidium, to occupy their conduit system. Mr. Gendron recommended that the application be approved by the Committee. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Bezanson seconded the motion and the application was approved.

4. Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Request for Licensure of one utility pole within a City Right-of-Way.
~~Highland Street~~
West Portsmouth Street (revised 4/17/2026)

   Mr. Gendron stated that the agenda was revised this morning to correctly reflect West Portsmouth Street, not Highland Street. He stated that this is a new pole that is needed in conjunction with the construction of the solar farm on the Brochu property. He recommended that the application be approved. Mr. Hoadley made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and the application was approved.

5. Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Request for Licensure of three utility poles within a City Right-of-Way.
Penacook Street

   Mr. Gendron asked the Committee to consider this application and the application for Franklin Street at the same time and the Committee agreed. He stated that Unitil is rebuilding its substation on McGuire Street and several new poles are needed to facilitate voltage issues. He recommended that this application and the application for Franklin Street be approved. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Bezanson seconded the motion and the application was approved.

6. Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Request for Licensure of two utility poles within a City Right-of-Way.
Franklin Street

   See number 5 above.

7. Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Request for Licensure of one utility pole within a City Right-of-Way.
Bow Street

   Mr. Gendron stated that there is a pole at the corner of Bow Street and Hope Avenue that has a guy wire attached to a tree on the west side of Bow Street. Unitil needs to remove the guy wire from the tree because the property owner will be removing the tree. Unitil will be placing a new support pole to stabilize the pole at Bow and Hope. He recommended that this application be approved. Mr. Hoadley

made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and the application was approved.

8. Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. and Fidium, Request for Licensure of one utility pole within a City Right-of-Way.
Coolidge Avenue (revised 4/17/2026 – inadvertently left off the posted agenda)

Mr. Gendron stated that this request is to relocate a pole along the frontage of 9 Coolidge Avenue. The resident has asked that the existing pole, which is located near their driveway, be relocated to the west so that parking their camper is a little easier. The license has not been finalized as of yet, but Mr. Gendron recommended that this application be approved with the condition that the final petition and license be submitted for signatures. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Hoadley seconded the motion and the application was approved.

9. Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Request for Licensure of one utility pole within a City Right-of-Way.
North State Street (revised 4/17/2026 – inadvertently left off the posted agenda)

Mr. Gendron stated that this request is to install a new support pole to stabilize an existing pole that is leaning due to the weight of the attachments on it, and the tension that is affecting two service connections. He stated that staff had inspected the area and determined that the area has many utilities that may affect the location of the support pole. Mr. Thompson made a motion to conditionally approve the application upon a design that takes into account the existing underground utilities, and the maintenance and plowing of the sidewalk by the City. Mr. Bezanson seconded the motion and the application was conditionally approved.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to discuss at 11:25, Mr. Bezanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Thompson.