

Minutes  
HEALTH AND SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE  
October 14, 2025  
4:00  
Gathering Room

Re: PETITION OF COMCAST FOR LOCATION FOR  
CONDUITS AND MANHOLES

Members:

Suzanne Swope, Chair

Joe Aiello

Pat Costigen

Guest:

Steven Calla

The meeting was called to order at 4:00. All were present.

The following motion was discussed at our meeting:

That permission be and hereby is granted to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, to lay and maintain the underground conduits and manholes, with the wires and cables to be placed

therein, under the surface of the following public way or ways as this as requested in petition of said company dated August 11th, 2025.

Madison Ave. and Winthrop St.: Starting at the utility pole #123B on Madison Ave. Excavating to place (2) 4" PVC conduits 278'+/\_to provide comcast services to number 210 and 214 Winthrop Street.

Substantially as shown on plan, filed with said petition.

Also, that petition be and is hereby granted said Comcast to lay and maintain underground conduits, manholes, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distributing purposes.

The foregoing permission is subject to the following conditions:

1. The conduits and manholes shall be of such materials and construction and all work done in such manner as to be satisfactory to the Town Council or to such officers as it may point to the supervision of the work.

2. Said company shall indemnify and save the town harmless against all damages, cost, and expense whatsoever to which the town may be subjected in consequence of the act or neglect of said Company, it's agents or servants or in any manner arising from the rights and privileges granted by the Town.
3. In addition, this said Company shall, before a public way of disturbed for the line of its wire or conduits execute it's bond and the penal some of (\$25,000) (reference being had to the bond already on file with said Town) conditioned for the faithful performance of its duties under this permit.
4. Said company shall comply with the requirements of existing bylaws and such they hereafter be adopted governing the construction and maintenance of conduit and wire so far is the same but not inconsistent with the laws of the Commonwealth.

The Committee discussed how these conduits and manholes would intersect with the sidewalks and curbs. We found the explanations to be acceptable as they provide no safety risks.

**The Committee approved the resolution unanimously.**

The Committee voted to approve two more ordinances to be sent to the Planning Board and the Ordinance Committee for their consideration:

1. In new construction for both residential and commercial buildings, each utility contractor shall provide a temporary patch for all sidewalk excavations leading to the the building. However, after all utility work needed for the new development is completed, the owner or developer, overseeing the project, will ensure, at their expense, that the sidewalks along the full perimeter of the project are replaced with a continuous pour of matching concrete per the DPW Director's specification and that trees are planted according to the Tree Committee ordinances and specifications.

This ordinance would also apply to rehabilitation projects in which the combined residential

and/or commercial space of the project exceeds 10,000 square feet or has perimeter frontage that exceeds 100 linear feet.

2. In new construction all concrete sidewalks need to be replaced around the full perimeter of the project and all required tree plantings must be completed and inspected by the tree warden before the project is considered finished.

In both rehabilitation and new construction projects, all roadway and sidewalk permits and inspections need to be obtained from and signed off by the DPW Director and where appropriate, the Tree Warden.

Committee adjourned at 4:30.

Submitted by,

Suzanne Swope

See attached documents