

N-192 Replacement Project Citizens Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 19, 2023

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Beverly Public Library, 32 Essex Street, Barnett Gallery, Beverly, MA

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Call to order 5:07

Present: Karen Fogarty , Matt DeCicco , Tim Averill , Tiffany Collins , jane knight ,
Joscelyn Ruelle-Kersker , David Mahood , Will, Tim, Danielle, Scott Houseman & Estelle
Rand

Determine notetaker - Estelle Rand/Scott Houseman

Jane Knight opens meeting to share concerns with traffic/cars driving into the excavator that is staged on Cabot/Wellman. She shared that the sounds are similar to thunder. She is concerned about the amount of time and speed that the project is moving on Wellman. She asked about the process. It seems like it's going slowly.

Tim responded that they are hitting ledge on Wellman. The plates will be gone by the summer; Manhole #3 is being moved back towards the bridge away from Wellman. Another crew will be coming in to start at the top of Webber and Wellman. Karen Fogarty supported the use of additional resources in order to continue on additional resources. jane knight also asked if the steel plates could be "softened" to dampen the sound of the traffic coming over the plates. Jane also mentioned street sweeping and wanting more of it. Tim will confirm the street sweeping schedule.

SH mentioned that there was no left turn off of the bridge into Salem today. The Police asked NGrid to close the street to complete their work. NGrid will not be working in the DOT jurisdiction at this time - they need to get a winter permit in addition to their permit. (This manhole will be put in in 3 weeks or in beginning of April, depending on the DOT permitting).

Tiffany reported that the construction on Broadway is active/loud. The construction is in front of the dentists office in parking spaces right now. They didn't want to go up over the hill with

places - they would need to go in a curve which is not good to have in the street in the winter. They needed to bring the "vac" truck in today to find the sewer service connection to the Dentists office. NGrid is about 12' down already and haven't found the lateral sewer pipe yet. The city engineer and the consulting engineer were at the site today to help. Tiffany reported that things seem safe and roped off.

Update from National Grid Representative - Danielle reported that there have been a couple more EMF appointments made in the past two weeks. Danielle followed up with her team/legal and construction. Her team would like a specific letter from the City Council detailing the information and process to go through/present to the council for lay down sites and staging. Temporary parking of equipment is granted by the Commissioner and Mayor.

ER asked how the monthly reporting is going. Tim reported that they meet every two weeks with commissioner Collins. And they meet with the health department.

Tiffany asked about the rodent reporting. Tim shared a "heat map" with the committee. They will be working with the chief of staff to incorporate their data with the city's rodent control program. The heat map shows us how many catches to date - there have been 88 catches in Goat Hill since November. The boxes hold 5 at a time and are then emptied. SH asked again what the plan is for rodent control in advance of active construction. Tim reminded the committee that 3 weeks before active construction the smart boxes get put out. JK asked how long the rat boxes will stay in Wellman. Tim responded that he's not sure how long they will be leaving boxes post active construction. KF agreed that the data will be helpful for the city to step up to help with rodent hot spots after the. SH asked what the total inventory of the smart boxes the NGrid is using. JRK asked to be put in touch with the person at McCourt who is learning about the rodent boxes to help work with the data. Tim responded Matt Pierce. The rodent boxes will be put on Broadway up to Cabot.

Tim shares that Feb 6th is the start of the excavation at monument square for the manhole. NGrid are working closely with the Fire Chief. Duct bank in front of the station will happen in the spring.

KF - asks about encountering remains at Monument Square. Danielle answers that PAL will have a representative on site. They will follow a state process if remains are found. Field scientists and archaeologists have been at the site with NGrid for test pits/borings. NGrid would demobilize and switch locations. Greg Deboe and a native american tribe will be on site as well. Danielle let us know that the project website does include information on the construction tab towards the bottom has the archaeological survey plan.

SH asked about how winter weather effects the project - slows it down, but NGrid does clear the sidewalks, etc. of the construction site. JK - asked about working at night. Tim responded that on occasion NGrid will request to work extended hours i.e. in June when you have more daylight.

DM observed that the UK has started to pressurize NGrid to decarbonize faster.

Tim reported that Park/Pleasant will have some crews there, in February. So Ngrid is going to try to work there now that the busses are not running. This will be updated on the website map/newsletter/email.

Committee response to National Grid update

Communication issues:

- Communication & Outreach Initiatives
- Real time Pre-construction & Construction Update
- One week to Three month outlook on project

- Ways to Correct Miscommunications and Deadline Issues to Date
- Details to communicate i.e. noise levels for specific types of work, weather delay
- Route map
- Communication about tree protection/replacement/removal
- Nature and number of calls and/or emails to hotline and info email

Current Issues:

- Video Monitoring: Notice, deadlines, protocols, access to data
- EMF Surveys: Notice, deadlines, protocols, access to data
- Vendor Identification generally
- Access to data on rat mitigation, citizen hotline calls and emails
- Preconstruction of the project
- Current construction
- Staging locations, duration, and notices
- Proposed staging at Temple B'nai Abraham, Lothrop St.
- Formal public procedure for city council to hear staging proposals
- Environmental stewardship in relation to the project
- Carbon offset for project

Grant of Location and Reporting to City Departments

- Review of reports to city departments

Administrative Matters

- Notices to City Council
- Information Needed and Best Practices to Schedule Future Meetings
- Identifying Items for Next Meeting
- Review and approval of minutes

Next meeting: February 2, 2023 at the Barnet Gallery 5 - 6:15 PM

Meeting to Adjourn - 6:11 PM