



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final Public Property Committee

*Chairperson Ryan O'Malley  
Councillor Amanda Linehan  
Vice Chair Stephen Winslow*

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Tuesday, December 15, 2020

5:30 PM

Remote Meeting

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### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Ryan O'Malley, Stephen Winslow and Amanda Linehan

Also Present: Councillors Crowe and Condon  
Nelson Miller-Building Director  
Colin Robinson-Extenet  
Elizabeth Kelliher-Extenet  
Tamara Slader-Extenet  
Attorney John Weaver-Cellco  
Jason Flanagan-Cellco  
Dr. Eric Swanson-Cellco  
Ralph Colarusso-Cellco

#### [435-20](#)

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### Minutes to be Approved

Minutes from the October 27, 2020 meeting to be approved.

**A motion was made by Councillor Amanda Linehan, seconded by Vice Chair Stephen Winslow, that the minutes of October 27, 2020 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 3 - O'Malley, Winslow and Linehan

### Business

This meeting is for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing for the following petitions as proposed on Paper#253-20

[253-20](#)

Petition: Extenet: Small Cell Petitions for the following addresses:

6-10 Holden Street  
14 Lawrence Street  
297 Medford Street  
37-39 Park Street

**Sponsors:** Ryan O'Malley

**A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Vice Chair Winslow, that the Petition be recommended favorably to the Full Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 2 - Winslow and Linehan

Councillor Winslow called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M and said he will be serving as Chair until Councillor O'Malley joins them. Councillor O'Malley joined the meeting at 6:00 P.M. Councillor Winslow announced Jon Miara, MATV and the City were recording the meeting. This meeting will serve as a public hearing for the following two papers. The committee begins by discussing Paper 253-20 Extenet Small Cell Petitions for the following addresses: 6-10 Holden St, 14 Lawrence St, 297 Medford St and 37-39 Park Street. Colin Robinson from Network Building and Consulting, 100 Apollo Drive, Suite 303 Chelmsford, MA on behalf of Extenet. They are here presenting four small cell petitions. All the designs consist of an antenna and radio enclosure melted on a utility pole. He explained that for these four all the nodes are within 15 ft from the nearest windows and is a 4G proposal and comply with all FCC regulations. Councillor Winslow said he did see the radiation report which was sent to the committee. Councillor Condon asks about 297 Medford St and asks if it also will serve for Medford. Colin explained it serves Medford St and it turn into Central St in Medford. The signal travels between 500 and 1000 ft and Councillor Condon says then you are not reaching Medford. Colin explained he was talking about the direction of the antenna and these are all proposed notes and have not started any construction as of yet and none of these installations require double poles or new poles. The work with National Grid has not been completed yet but they would only replace a new pole if the pole is rotted out. The design does not call for pole replacement. Nelson Miller, Bldg Inspector gives a brief update on his summary the only finding he had was that they ask the height of the equipment be 16 ft off the ground but the committee had allowed 8 ft in the past. Councillor Winslow opens the public hearing at 5:48 P.M. in favor of the 4 petitions. Hearing and seeing none he closes this portion of the public hearing at 5:52 P.M. He opens the public hearing for those in opposition of the petitions at 5:52 P.M. One question is asked in the Q&A by C. McNeil what company would these antennae serve. Colin answers T-Mobile. The second question is from Virginia and she asked: What is the benefit to the community? Colin answered it would provide wireless service and data to T-mobile customers in the City to be used more effectively as demand increases and also improves 911 connectivity. Email from Virginia Rosen (see attached for the record). Hearing and seeing none this part of the public hearing is closed at 5:57 P.M. The following motion is made: Motion to approve the 4 petitions from Extenet was made by Councillor Linehan and seconded by Councillor Winslow. Roll Call: Linehan-yes Winslow-yes. The committee continues the meeting with the second public hearing for Paper 323-20, 20 Petitions submitted by Cellco, 88 Fellsway, 339 Pleasant St, 122 Maple St, 319 Highland Ave, 183 Emerald St, 146 Pearl St, 154 Highland Ave, 557 Pleasant St, 77 Pearl St, 57 Hospital Road, 397 Highland Ave, 448 Medford St, 198 Maple St, 89 West St, (0)Highland Ave (Utility Pole #641), 91 Adams St, 19 Chatham St, 1250 Fellsway. Councillor O'Malley has taken over the meeting as Chair at 6:00 P.M. Attorney Weaver is outside Council for Verizon and has appeared before this committee before

and presented 20 new proposed applications intended to address the growing need for data on smartphones. The applications reflect the design of installation which have been approved in the past by the committee and they will answer any questions the committee has. Nelson Miller gives a brief summary of his findings he has put them into two groups of non-conformities: Group 1 there were 9 locations and Group 2 there are 11 locations. Group 1 has issues with the height of the equipment off the ground and the cylindrical shape of the equipment we dont know the dimensions of the three headed antenna we have a regulation that says they have to be 36 inches or less. Group 2 the poles as presented shows they are extending the top of the poles 68 to 140 inches above the existing poles. Attorney Weaver explained it will be a new pole which is being dropped by National Grid. Councillor Condon says there are many locations in his Ward which haven't been approved yet and National Grid is putting up double poles. He asked their plan to remove the poles and said we had trouble having them remove the second pole in the past removing the second pole. Attorney Weaver explained that Verizon will not install until double poles are gone and if the committee makes that condition Verizon will abide by that. Councillor Winslow spoke with Bob Knox and agrees not to allowing Verizon to install before the double poles are gone. Councillor Winslow asks about the design of this antennae that is not shrouded and ice loading if the calculations account for that. Attorney Weaver said they have gone through one winter and there have been no icing issues. Councillor O'Malley said one of the requests he has had is to be able to have an idea of how many of these petitions are coming and that there is a proposal in ordinance to limit the amount because there is not plan before us with these petitions but we need a plan. Councillor O'Malley opens the public hearing portion for these petitions at 6:22 PM in favor. Q&A (anonymous)Is there a monetary benefit to the City of Malden. Councillor O'Malley answered not that he is aware of. Hearing and seeing none he closes this portion of the hearing at 6:28 P.M. Councillor O'Malley opens the portion of the public hearing in opposition of the petitions. Hearing and seeing none Councillor O'Malley closes this portion of the public hearing at 6:27 PM Q&A cmcneil Chris McNeil, 13 Sterling Street Malden asks How many of these small cells will be installed in Malden why cant they be installed on the other side of the train tracks why are residents being exposed to detrimental health concerns? Councillor O'Malley answered by saying radiation is not one that causes cancer and asks Dr. Swanson to speak to that point. Dr. Swanson answers by saying that the poles are giving a small amount of radiation that a light bulb would omit and it would also be the same amount as standing out in the sun. Also because of the distance between these cells which is very strict there is no cummulative or health effect omitted from these cells. Councillor Linehan makes the following amendment to the motion that no tower be installed until the second pole adjacent to it be removed and was seconded by Councillor Winslow. All were in favor. Councillor Winslow asks about the tower at 146 Pearl Street which is a residential building and Cellco recommends that they be 10 ft from the building and that is 9 ft away from the

building and would like to table that address to receive more information. Councillor Linehan questions 57 Hospital Road as the Hospital is closed. A second motion was made by Councillor Winslow and seconded by Councillor Linehan to add the following language: the installations not include mechanical cooling devices or fans.as part of the antennae or box. All were in favor. Motion to recommend favorably to the full council the following petitions, 88 Fellsway, 339 Pleasant St, 122 Maple St, 319 Highland Ave, 183 Emerald St, 154 Highland Ave, 557 Pleasant St, 77 Pearl St,397 Highland Ave, 448 Medford St, 198 Maple St, 89 West St, (0)Highland Ave (Utility Pole #641), 91 Adams St, 19 Chatham St, 1250 Fellsway. subject to the condition of removing double poles and not having mechanical equipment or fans attached to the antennae or box was made by Councillor Winslow and seconded by Councillor Linehan. All were in favor. Motion to table consideration of 146 Pearl St to get confirmation on the distance of the pole to the building and 57 Hospital Road to receive a report of service was made by Councillor Winslow and seconded by Councillor Linehan. All were in favor. Motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Linehan and seconded by Councillor Winslow. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

This meeting is for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing for the following petitions as proposed on Paper #323-20

[323-20](#)

Petition: Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless - to collocate small wireless facilities (also referred to as “small cells” on existing wooden utility poles located within the public right of way at the following locations:

1. 88 Fellsway East
2. 339 Pleasant Street
3. 122 Maple Street
4. 319 Highland Avenue
5. 20 West Street
6. 68 Highland Avenue
7. 183 Emerald Street
8. 146 Pearl Street
9. 154 Highland Avenue
10. 557 Pleasant Street
11. 77 Pearl Street
12. 57 Hospital Road
13. 397 Highland Avenue
14. 448 Medford Street
15. 198 Maple Street
16. 89 West Street
17. (0) Highland Avenue (Utility Pole # 641)

- 18. 91 Adams Street
- 19. 19 Chatham Street
- 20. 1250 Fellsway

**Sponsors:** Ryan O'Malley

**Motion to recommend out favorably as amended the following 18 petitions by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to collocate small wireless facilities (also referred to as "small cells" on existing wooden utility poles located within the public right of way at the following locations: 88 Fellsway East, 339 Pleasant St, 122 Maple St, 319 Highland Ave, 20 West St, 68 Highland Ave, 183 Emerald St, 154 Highland Ave, 557 Pleasant St, 77 Pearl St, 397 Highland Ave, 448 Medford St, 198 Maple St, 89 West St, (0) Highland Ave(utility pole #641), 91 Adams St, 19 Chatham St, and 1250 Fellsway with the following language: that equipment not be installed on any poles that are double poles or adjacent to double poles until National Grid replaces them and these installations do not include mechanical cooling devices or fans was made by Councillor Winslow and seconded by Councillor Linehan. All were in favor.**

**A second motion was made by Councillor Winslow and seconded by Councillor Linehan to table the petition by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to collocate small wireless facilities (also referred to as small cells) on existing wooden utility poles located within the public right of way to table petitions at the following locations: 146 Pearl St. pending confirmation of the distance of the pole to the building and 57 Hospital Road pending a report on the service for that site. All were in favor.**

## Other Business

## Attachments

[74-21](#)

Attachment for Public Property Committee Meeting 12/15/2020

## Adjournment

**A motion was made by Councillor Amanda Linehan, seconded by Vice Chair Stephen Winslow, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 P.M. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 3 - O'Malley, Winslow and Linehan