

Minutes from the Public Health, Safety and Public Works Subcommittee

Date: April 7, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Location: Harvey Hearing Room

Participants: Marty Finn, Paul Readon, Suzanne Swope (Chair)

Meeting Overview

The meeting primarily focused on National Grid's proposal to install a new electrical pole on **Pauline Street**. This installation is required to provide three-phase power to a new condominium building at **22 Pauline Street** and other surrounding apartments.

Project Details

National Grid clarified that the work involves two distinct projects:

- **Pauline Street Pole Installation:** This requires installing a new pole and removing a tree located between existing poles. National Grid has committed to planting a new tree of reasonable size as a replacement.
- **Fire Station Wire Realignment:** A second project involves removing wires currently attached to a tree behind the fire station. The Committee will meet again to discuss the specific details of this project.

Committee Actions & Discussion

- **Motion Passed:** The Committee passed a motion recommending approval of the Pauline Street pole installation. This project will extend electrical lines to serve new developments while ensuring existing services remain uninterrupted.
- **Double Pole Concerns:** The Committee addressed "double pole" issues—where multiple utilities share the same pole. National Grid explained their coordination process with Verizon and other providers using the **NJU-N-S** system.
- **Procedural Improvements:** Members discussed the need for clearer protocols regarding which party is responsible for coordinating the removal of third-party equipment following pole replacements.

Recommendation:

Please see the attached motion, which concludes with a **positive recommendation** from the Committee.