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**From:** ED <EDIN2010@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 1:23 PM  
**To:** CityClerkHenry Heck; Alderman Chris Siliski; Alderman Christopher Etori; Alderman David Allaire; Alderman Gary Donahue; Alderman John Skates; Alderman Matt Bloomer; Alderman Melinda Humphrey; Alderman William Notte; AldermanSharon Davis; AldermanTom Depoy  
**Subject:** Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of 07-14-2015 (First Light request for line movements on poles)

Hello Henry: Here is the Public Works Committee Report from the 5:00 p.m. meeting on 07-14-2015.

### **Rutland City Board of Alderman---Committee Meeting Report-----Submitted 07-15-2015**

(This Committee Report is being submitted in compliance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law-- Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. sec/312(b) 312 (c) 312 (d), 312 (h) & 310 (4).)

**Committee:** Public Works                      **Time Commenced** 5:00 p.m.   **Time Ended** 5:25 p.m.   **Date:** 07-14-2015   **Location:** Downstairs Conference Room; Rutland City Hall

**Those present:** Committee Members; Chair-Alderman Depoy (late arrival) Vice-Chair-Alderman Larson (who chaired meeting) Alderman Siliski,

Alderman Skates, Alderman Donahue

**Other Alderman present:** Alderman Notte, Alderman Allaire, Alderman Etori, Alderman Davis

**Others Present:** William Gray (Outside Plant Manager FirstLight), Mayor Louras, City Attorney

Romeo, Mr. and Mrs. Lafaso,

City Engineer Rotundo, Mark Messores (Rutland City Fire Department), Gordon

Drischillo (Rutland Herald)

The Public Works Committee met to discuss a request from FirstLight Fiber Optics to relocate some existing fire alarm and traffic signal wires currently attached to existing utility poles; as make ready work to allow FirstLight to attach a fiber optic telecommunications cable in the communicating space on the poles. FirstLight Fiber is a telecommunications carrier and public utility duly authorized under the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and by various state utilities commissions, including Vermont. The request deals with a fiber optic line which would service a Rutland business located at 14 Sheldon Place, but requires the relocation of lines on Wales Street, West Street, and Main Street. These lines serve Rutland City Hall, Rutland City Police and Rutland City Fire, etc.

The specific reason for the request is for the City of Rutland to relocate the municipal wiring on the poles and FirstLight would be responsible for the cost incurred by the City and would reimburse any expenditure invoicing associated with the project.

William Gray, the Outside Plant Manager for FirstLight, outlined the scope of the work necessary which included the City raising it's current lines above where the fiber optic line placement would take place; stating there were some issues discovered with the current City line along Wales Street that required repair and/or readjustment as these lines were old and potentially failing in several areas.

Mark Messores of the Rutland City Fire Department stated that R.F.D. had been made aware of the FirstLight proposal and did not have any problem with the work that would be required to move fire alarm lines, etc. on the twenty or so poles involved. Messores stated that the work would be done on off duty time by Fire Department personnel and would only require two or three days. Messores also indicated that R.F.D. did not see any major disruption of fire alarm services to customers as

the work progressed, stating if there were disruption it would be minimal. This was in response to a question posed by Alderman Allaire.

Mayor Louras indicated to the Committee, and those present, that he had engaged in discussion with Green Mountain Power Corporation personnel relative to the spacing and dispersal of wiring on the existing utility poles, and Green Mountain Power indicated that all of the work could be accomplished within the existing spacing requirements. The Mayor stated that he desired a defined schedule of reimbursement from FirstLight, with would include an appropriate FEMA seven (7) standard conditions to cover Workman's Compensation and a number of matters learned from Tropical Storm Irene. William Gray was provided the information on the conditions by the Mayor.

William Gray, responding to a question from the Vice-Chair, stated there would be not impact on other telecoms from this project.

Alderman Siliski made a motion to recommend the full Board of Alderman approve the FirstLight request with reimbursement to the City costs which would also require FEMA rates including the seven standard conditions for equipment and benefits.

There was not further discussion. The motion passed four to zero.

Respectfully submitted: Alderman Ed Larson---Vice Chair Public Works Committee