



City of New Bedford
IN COMMITTEE

December 6, 2022

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods at a Meeting held on Monday, November 21, 2022, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Pereira, Morad, Lima, Giesta, Carney, Baptiste, Council President Abreu and Councillor Gomes, requesting, that Jana Linhart, Project Services Manager, Eversource Energy and Anthony Veilleux, Community Relations Representative, Eversource Energy, appear before the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, to discuss the "Eversource Energy Acushnet to New Bedford Line Maintenance Project", said project is proposed to replace an existing transmission line from the Beech Street Substation in Acushnet to the Pine Street Substation in New Bedford; and further, the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods intends to discuss with the representatives of Eversource Energy the deplorable condition of New Bedford streets resulting from the company's previous projects and routine maintenance of underground transmission lines and equipment. (To be Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, the Department of Public Infrastructure, Eversource Energy and a member of our State Legislative Delegation.) (Ref'd 10/13/2022) (10/28/2022 – Returned Unsigned)

On a Related Motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Burgo, the Committee VOTED: to recommend to the City Council that when the Eversource Energy Acushnet to New Bedford Maintenance Project Line that replaces the existing transmission line from the Beech Street Substation in Acushnet to the Pine Street Station in New Bedford commences, that a Memorandum of Understanding and a full Safety Plan be negotiated between Eversource Energy and the City of New Bedford; and that the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods review and have final approval of said Memorandum of Understanding and the Safety Plan. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &
NEIGHBORHOODS

Brian K. Gomes

Councillor Brian K. Gomes, Chairman

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