

ARLINGTON SELECT BOARD

DOUBLE POLE DISCUSSION

May 22, 2023

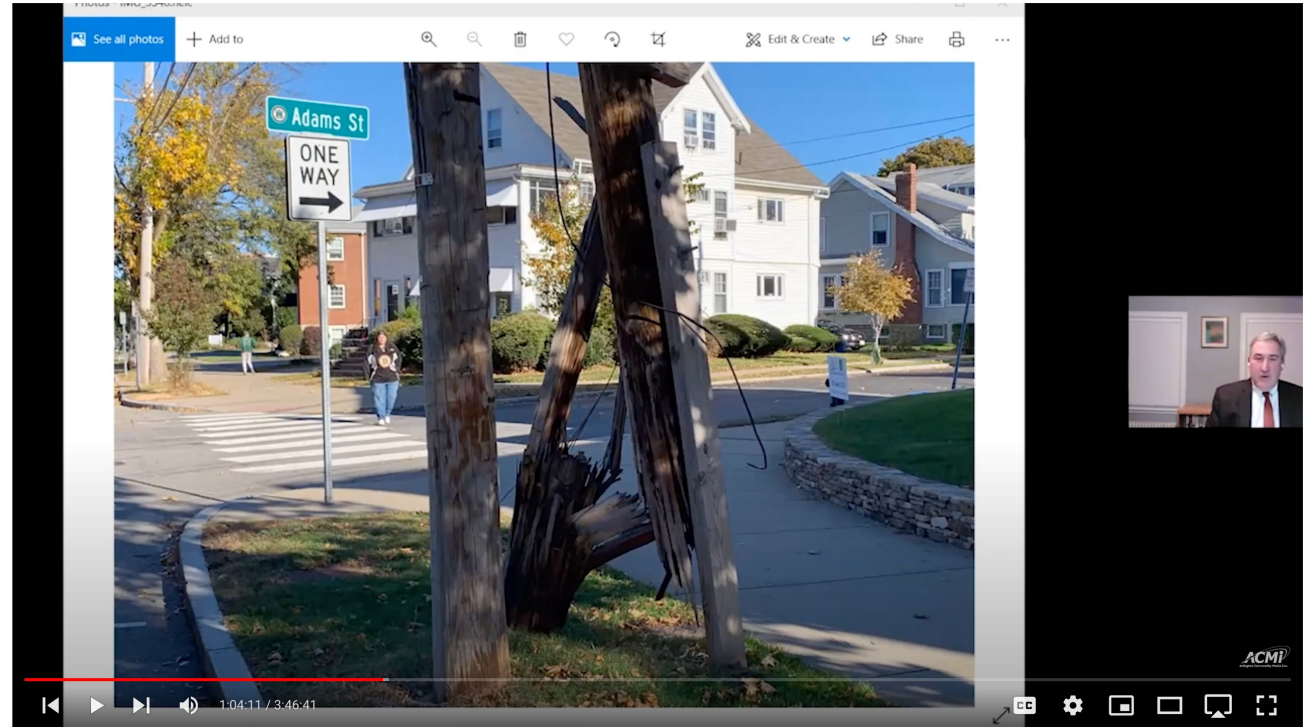


STATUTORY REFERENCE

(G.L. c. 164, sec. 34B)

A distribution company or a telephone company engaging in the removal of an existing pole and the installation of a new pole in place thereof shall complete the transfer of wires, all repairs, and the removal of the existing pole from the site within 90 days from the date of installation of the new pole; provided, however, that for any approved commercial or industrial construction project, the completion of which is expected to take longer than one year, said company shall be required to remove such pole within six months from the date of installation of the new pole. The owner of such pole shall notify all other users of the starting date of such removal and installation work at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of such work, and said owner shall require all other users to remove their wiring and other attachments from the poles in a timely manner.

SELECT BOARD MEETING – 10/25/2021



Select Board Meeting - October 25, 2021

11/28/2022
TOWN
MANAGER
EMAIL TO
VERIZON
REGARDING
ADAMS STREET
DOUBLE POLE

Hi Stan,

Is there any update on the double pole at 319 Mass Ave., at the corner with Adams St.? I have Select Board members asking me about the progress of moving the wires.

Thanks,
Sandy

5/9/23 VERIZON
RESPONSE TO
TOWN
MANAGER'S
FOLLOW-UP
INQUIRY ON
STATUS OF
ADAMS ST.
DOUBLE POLE.

Sandy:

This pole is not listed in the NJUNS double pole database. I will send it to Verizon Operations to investigate.

Thanks,

Stan Usovicz

Mgr-State & Local Govt Affairs
State Government Affairs

5/9/2023
TOWN
MANAGER
RESPONSE TO
VERIZON

Hi Stan,

This is an issue that has been going on for more than two years. You and I have talked/emailed about it numerous times. Being told once again that it is not on the NJUNS database is not a good answer.

Sandy Pooler

Town Manager

EXCERPT FROM VERIZON DOUBLE POLE REPORT FILED ON MAY 15, 2023 FOR PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2023.

ATTACHMENT A
D.T.E. 60-47 DOUBLE POLE STATUS GRID
NEW DOUBLE POLE SUMMARY REPORT
Reporting Period: November 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023

CITY OR TOWN	POLE OWNERSHIP TYPE	POLE OWNER 1	POLE OWNER 2	NEW DOUBLE POLES SUMMARY					TOTALS
				NEW DOUBLE POLES AT START	NEW DOUBLE POLES ADDED	NEW DOUBLE POLES REMOVED	NEW DOUBLE POLES REMOVED - 90 DAYS	NEW DOUBLE POLES REMAINING AT END	
Arlington	Sole Owned	Verizon Massachusetts		7	0	0	7	7	
Arlington	Joint Owned	Eversource	Verizon Massachusetts	17	0	1	16	16	
Arlington	Joint Owned	Verizon Massachusetts	Eversource	57	2	4	55	55	

NOTES: The Summary Reports in Attachment A provide all tracking and double poles recorded in the National Joint Utility Notification System (NJUNIS) database. Backlog double poles are those with a start date on or before January 31, 2004, and new double poles are those with a start date after January 31, 2004. Municipal electric companies that are sole and joint pole owners are included in these reports.
The following Column Definitions apply to this Summary Report:
CITY OR TOWN: City or town in which new double poles are located.
POLE OWNERSHIP TYPE: "C" or "J" to indicate joint or sole pole ownership.
POLE OWNER 1: Sole owner or first joint owner.
POLE OWNER 2: Second joint owner (if any).
NEW DOUBLE POLES AT START: New double poles at start of reporting period.
NEW DOUBLE POLES ADDED: New double poles added during reporting period.
NEW DOUBLE POLES REMOVED: New double poles removed during reporting period.
NEW DOUBLE POLES REMOVED - 90 DAYS: New double poles remaining at end of the reporting period that exceed 90 days.
NEW DOUBLE POLES REMAINING AT END: New double poles remaining at end of the reporting period.

Per Verizon:

- 78 double poles in Arlington
- 66 are more than three years old
- None are less than 90 days old

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- Authorize Town Manager to send letter to Verizon demanding the coordination with other licensees for the prompt replacement of the following double poles:
 - Mass. Ave. at Adams Street
 - 108 Warren Street

PROPOSED ACTIONS

2. Seek Verizon's Commitment to conduct a full audit of its double pole inventory and update the list for omissions prior to the submission to the state of its next semi-annual Double Pole Report for the period ending November 30, 2023.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

3. Seek Verizon's commitment to meet with the Town quarterly to review double pole list and hear steps Verizon will take to reduce the backlog.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

4. Request that Verizon provide details on specific steps it has taken to notify other licensees to coordinate the timely removal of double poles.