

## Agenda

Discussion - Village of Kinderhook, National Grid, HVEA  
2-3-23 9:00 a.m. via Zoom; began 9:01 a.m., ended 9:42 a.m.

### Attendees:

#### Village of Kinderhook (VOK)

Susan Patterson – Trustee  
Mark Browne – Trustee  
Sue Pulver – Recording Secretary

#### National Grid (NG)

Bob Shevy, Manager – Columbia County  
Brendan DesRosiers - Engineer for Area  
Kayla Emory - Regional Account Services Representative  
Mandy Bigda - Design Supervisor  
Kelvin Dobert?

#### Hudson Valley Engineering Associates (HVEA)

Jack Gorton  
Brendan Fitzgerald

i. Estimated Costs to Backlot Power on both sides of Albany Avenue (County Route 21) - Just National Grid's Costs, (not right of way property acquisition and legal costs) - Albany Avenue addresses 1 - 51.

**Mark Browne asked for costs and timeline, referenced Queensbury project.**

**Bob Shevy - advised village to circle back with Queensbury to see how they liked their underground power project as heard some residents didn't like green boxes in front yard. Regarding costs – cautious about giving out costs – typically a customer puts in work request, rough estimate on equipment, bodies, engineering takes look, eyes on job, might be things needed on either end of main drag to make it feasible, someone from Mandy's (design work) team to look at job, ops folks to see what manpower was needed, then provide estimate.**

**Mark Browne asks can we say items one & two would be 1m? Bob Shevy - without knowing how much ... definitely estimate over a million.**

**Per Mark Browne another resident questions – if can't afford to put underground now, any future use make sense, e.g., put 8-inch pipe underground to use at future date? Per National Grid - typically would not plan for future use, above or below ground, but Village could look into putting own conduit in it, National Grid may provide specs, with Village covering costs. Per Mandy Bigda – National Grid typically doesn't do this, would call for new conduit, not most feasible option.**

ii. Estimated Costs to Trench Power on one side or both sides of Albany Avenue - Use the existing sidewalks as the trench line on both sides for this estimate and indicate the need to cross the street at multiple locations.

If the Village of Kinderhook were to pass regulations indicating that either of these options were to be done, what is the time frame that National Grid would need to perform the work?

iii. At least two to three (2-3) households (7, 29 and 41) have come down the pole with Power and trenched into their residence or an ancillary dwelling on their land. What if more residents were to do this as a result of this project? Would National Grid have concerns if this were to happen? I expect the

residents would contract with a local electrical firm to do this third option. We estimate these costs to be approximately \$800 to \$1,000 per resident depending on the distance from the pole.

**Mark Browne asks process, assume residents would work with electrician and NG? Worried folks without poles in front of home may want to go lateral underground – how is this done, what restrictions should be applied here? Per Bob Shevy – typically residents wouldn't want to do this, unless expanding load or building an addition and need larger service. If they do, they'd call in work request, NG would send design rep, if customer wanted to go forward with customer paid job, customer would work with electrician and NG, NG would send crew to disconnect old service and reconnect new service.**

**Mandy Bigda – lateral underground would need easement, written in deed, to show secondary conductor owned by individual, would need right of way. Work order, field investigation, check poles in good condition, an electrician would run riser to 8 ft leaving NG to finish running up pole to secondary. NG would disconnect, electrician would need to do run to connect to secondary. Mark Browne asks Brendan Fitzgerald – would folks go across other folk's land or ask VOK to go down sidewalk and down property? Should we talk to DOT to allow easements? Brendan Fitzgerald asks are there existing easements if pole is on village land? Bob Shevy responds there may be easements on file, didn't look at 3 residents for past history, poles are probably in public right of way. Mark asks could NG research those easements for VOK for those 3 that exist? Brendan Fitzgerald states may not even be an easement for public utility, sees combination of overhead, underground connections especially for commercial uses, DOT doesn't usually require them to get easements, trickier if what's there needs to be relocated. Mandy Bigda - if village requires permit for utilities to go on village property, it is on customer to obtain permit if required by VOK.**

iv. Can you assist us to encourage the other occupants of the old poles to move their signal wires to the newer poles? (Spectrum and Consolidated).

**Mark Browne asks Bob Shevy about ticketing system. NG responded the system (NJUNS) – joint utility ownership of poles, they should have tickets in their queue, Bob Shevy will reach out to contacts; also, VOK could reach out to Spectrum – poles set about 2 years ago, Mark Browne asks if NG could provide ticket numbers to ask Village counsel to call their local offices to request as typically last utility off pole has to move pole. Per Bob Shevy, yes although cable might not have capability and may ask NG to remove poles. Brendan Fitzgerald asks who's responsible for NG to alert Spectrum/Consolidated to tell other utilities? Per NG municipalities are part of this system too, the funnel system until poles clear, typically line crews submit a ticket. Can village or HVEA access system? Yes, and Bob Shevy will send info to this email group, can log in get ID, see ticket and who were waiting on.**

**Mark Browne asks when new poles went in did water come up when holes dug, Brendan Fitzgerald asks if any groundwater? Bob Shevy replied they can try to find out what contractor did work and would recall if any water ran, he will ask.**

v. Finally, do you have any additional plans for Albany Avenue that we should be aware of relative to the movement and/or upgrade of power lines including any changes in how these poles service the residents? Can you share with us any technical data you have on how these poles service the residents? We have done some informal draft surveys of the area and would be happy to share our information with you.

**Per Mark - Bulk of project work will be from April – November 2024 asks is NG doing anything during that timeframe VOK should be aware of? Bob Shevy asks NG team – working to extend project caused commotion a couple years ago, Kinderhook St., William St. besides that no other major work they're aware of next fiscal year. Mark Browne asks NG for point of contact for Queensbury project.**