

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 2015

PRESENT: George Lawrence, Chairman, David Lage, Joanne Meshna

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Mr. Andy Peterson had an appointment at 6:00 p.m. Since he was not present, the Pipeline Task Force gave their report until he arrived.

Pipeline Task Force: The following updates were provided by Karen Miller and Dennis Gauvin:

- September 28, Pipeline Task Force and the Board of Selectmen met with Eric Tomasi from FERC regarding environmental issues connected with the siting of the compressor station in New Ipswich.
- At the last meeting of the Coalition it was agreed to negatively respond to the Kinder Morgan's letter about mitigation or not respond at all.
- Representatives from Ayotte and Shaheen's office were at the meeting. Emily from Senator Shaheen's office asked that every FERC comment submission be copied to her office.
- This past Sunday there were two segments on WMUR with Mark Bender, John Kieley and Tad Putney who covered the opposition to the Kinder Morgan piece.
- A guest speaker from Portland Natural Gas gave a presentation how their company could fill some of the need for the pipeline.
- A scoping meeting was held on September 29.
- The Task Force met on Wednesday and passed out the research reports.
- The Coalition's report going to FERC is 57 pages long with all the conditions from the various towns.
- Temple submitted a document on heavy construction with a list of general conditions to be dealt with. They also have a letter prepared for DES. They thought New Ipswich should do their own letter.
- The attorney for the Coalition will meet free of charge with the Selectmen concerning anticipated legal fees for the Coalition for the 2016 budget.

Andy Peterson, Police Building: - Mr. Peterson is a real estate agent from Peterborough who has listed for sale the building where the Police Department is housed. He asked how best he could work with the Town and keep the police where they are. He knew the Town had turned down the warrant article to purchase the building. He added Doctor Giamo may retire at some point and there could be extra space for the police in the building. He hoped to be able to work out a long term durable stay.

Selectman Lawrence stated there is an addendum being made to the lease being proposed to extend the lease for 5 years to 2020 and allow either party to terminate the lease with one year's notice. Further, he stated the building is not ideally set up for a police station but serves the purpose.

The police department occupies approximately 1,700 square feet. The rent is \$1,500 a month which includes heat. Mr. Peterson stated he would speak with Dr. Giamo's attorney and put together something based on a five year type of lease. Selectman Lage asked if Mr. Peterson was looking to do something different from what is being proposed now. Mr. Peterson responded he thought Dr. Giamo wanted something little different from what is in place now and it was better to have a five year term arrangement.

Selectman Lage explained the Police Facility Committee was looking at all options for the police department, and expansion of the fire and emergency management departments.

Mr. Peterson asked if the Town buying the building was off the table. Selectman Lawrence replied it probably was, and Selectman Lage added it would have to be fitted for a police station if it was bought by the Town. There is an empty lot that is included with the sale. Bellows Nichols wants to stay in the building. Selectman Lawrence added if the Committee recommends an article be put on the warrant again, he would have no objection to doing so.

Board of Assessors: Jim Coffey and Jeanne Cunningham met with the Board to submit a letter of resignation from George Slyman because of health issues. Selectman Lawrence read Mr. Slyman's letter into the record. Mr. Coffey noted it was the Selectmen who appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting. The Assessors stated they would like to be part of the search and replacement; they did not have a recommendation at this time.

Selectman Lawrence made a motion to accept George Slyman's resignation. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Selectmen noted Mr. Slyman's long service to the Town and how much it was appreciated.

Representative Coffey: Mr. Coffey informed the Board of a Bill which grants power to towns to deny subdivision of land where a portion of the land is a hazardous waste site. The proposed site for the compressor station in New Ipswich has been identified as a Brownfields site. Another Bill requires compressor stations for natural gas pipelines be powered by electricity.

Kathy Gauvin asked Mr. Coffey if he was in opposition to the pipeline. He stated he was. He supports a pipeline as it is probably the safest way to transport the gas. However, he stated this is not the best place to build it and it belongs along an existing path. He opposed taking property by eminent domain for gas being shipped out of the country. There is no benefit for the pipeline.

David Cotzin inquired if Kinder Morgan was exempt from Town laws and Selectman Lage responded they were. They are not exempt from State Laws. Mr. Coffey added the SEC has a tremendous amount of impact and can set standards for the pipeline.

New Ipswich Resistance Citizens Group: Kathy Gauvin reported on their meeting last night:

- Signs have been printed up and are being put in towns that have Ledger-Transcript coverage in response to the pipeline petition.

- There is a press release with Kids of the Pipeline pinwheel story.
- Dennis and she sent a letter to the Mascenic School Board asking them to vote in opposition to the pipeline and they voted unanimously to do so.
- There will be a pipeline resistance table at the Milford Autumn festival.
- There is a parade in Nashua a week from Saturday and the citizens group will have a float in it.
- There is an outreach letter writing campaign to towns not effected by the NED pipeline being done.
- A letter will be written to Governor Cuomo on the Constitution pipeline going through New York that will be transporting fracked gas.
- There will be a lobbying group getting educated in order to lobby at the State House.
- There is initiation of a documentary video about the pipeline and compressor station.

Halloween: Halloween will be October 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

School Emergency Notification System Project: Selectman Lawrence announced that the Project has been approved. The approved grant is \$7,560 and will expire on 9/30/2016.

At 7:15 p.m. Selectman Lage made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 7:50 p.m. Selectman Lage made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced the minutes of the nonpublic session were sealed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

October 6, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

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George H. Lawrence, Chairman

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David S. Lage

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