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MINUTES FOR NEW IPSWICH PIPELINE TASK FORCE 9-10-15

Attendees

Task Force members in attendance included Wendy Juchnevics-Freeman, Karen Miller, Maria Szmauz, and Dennis Gauvin. Alternate member, Sebastian Barthelmess, was appointed for the evening.

Update on Task Force Members

Dennis Gauvin was appointed to the Task Force on September 8, 2015 by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to fill a vacancy. Sebastian Barthelmess, who is a Task Force alternate member, will request the BOS appoint him as a permanent member.

Municipal Coalition Meeting with Representative Guinta

Maria updated the group on the meeting.

The meeting with Rep. Frank Guinta went well. Guinta listened and took our points to heart and asked what do NH businesses think. Merrimack Selectmen said big business is for the pipeline because they believe they will get cheap energy. Guinta is going to meet with big businesses to see why they feel this way. The Coalition discussed alternatives i.e. Spectra and others.

Municipal Coalition Meeting with Senator Ayotte

Wendy updated the group on the meeting.

At the meeting with Senator Ayotte DOE study was shared by the Coalition and was well received by the Senator. She asked many great questions and took many notes on the need and community impact of the pipeline. Senator Ayotte was aware that the gas from NED was going to be exported and didn't push back about this point. She listened regarding the poor, rural towns affected by the pipeline project; these towns having little money to fight the pipeline. When Wendy stated that the NI Pipeline Resistance Citizens group raised the money to join the Coalition, she replied, "Oh my God." The Selectman from Rindge noted that the pipeline came to NH because we are poor. The bottom line from Senator Ayotte was what are the two questions that I can get answers to? The Coalition's response was "Is the NED project really needed? Why did it move from MA to NH?" She is going to ask these questions of FERC and Kinder Morgan.

Municipal Coalition Meeting with Governor Hassan

Wendy updated the group on the meeting. Londonderry has now joined the Coalition.

The Coalition presentation to Governor Hassan was shortened to 45 minutes due to the Governor's schedule. Hassan said we need to do our part in support of ISO New England otherwise businesses will be leaving if electric costs continue to go up. She said there are studies that show Spectra and Portland Gas projects are insufficient to meeting the projected need. Wendy wants to get a copy of the report that the Governor referred to and will reach out to Kerry Holmes, the Governor's Policy Advisor. The Coalition pointed out that

the NED project is mostly for export and that Kinder Morgan in their brief to shareholders that in 2016 they will have a capacity to ship overseas. We need copies of this brief from Mark Bender. The DOE has determined that exports are good for the country. There is a national discussion going on about the use of natural gas to generate electricity; use of a bridge fuel to lower electricity costs. Wendy stated how can this happen if the gas is being exported? It may not be within the control of New England. The Amherst Selectman in attendance asked why did the pipeline move to NH? He answered his own question by saying Massachusetts didn't just say no, they said hell no. He added that the use of eminent domain is unconstitutional and the Town of Amherst is prepared to go to court. Governor Hassan stated that the SEC redo that was put in place to insure that citizens can be involved in a transparent manner has taken any power that she may have away. Tad said KM will file with NH SEC but the FERC process has left a lot to be desired. In the meeting Wendy brought up the MA Pike option noting that Eric Tomasi from FERC has asked KM twice about the MA Pike option with no reply. Wendy mentioned that, at the KM open house, Lucas Myer had stated that without the NED project New Ipswich will never have the opportunity to get natural gas and attract large industry. Wendy stated that we don't allow larger businesses into town as we don't have the infrastructure needed in addition to being inconsistent with our Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances. There will be a trickle down socio-economic impact on these small "pipeline" towns; taxes will go up, many will leave towns as a result and the towns will never be able to recover. Hassan stated, of all the groups that have met with her, the Municipal Coalition has the most balanced and informed view of any group that has come in before her concerning the NED project. Kerry has reached out to Tim Drew at NH DES who is putting together information about wetland permitting for what will come before the NH SEC.

Kinder Morgan Open House

At the KM Open House, Representatives from Senator Shaheen's office, Hassan's office and Ayotte's office were in attendance.

Wendy met Alan Fore, Lucas Meyer and Mr Duff, the NED Project Manager. All are willing to meet with the Task Force to address the concerns of New Ipswich. Mr Duff was unaware of the lack of a public water reservoir in New Ipswich and seemed surprised to learn all residents are on private wells.

The feedback the Task Force received from many NI citizens that a number of important questions that were not answered properly or were answered in a vague manner. Wendy was surprised the "wetland expert" did not know what a stratified drift aquifer was.

It appeared from the maps, the Compressor station has been relocated to an area closer to Route 45 which is land that is not as contaminated as where it was initially sited.

Municipal Coalition Meeting

Emily, from Shahen's office, indicated that rule changes are being reviewed by the DOE IG in response to the Senator's letter but will not go into effect in time to influence the NED project application. Shaheen was disappointed.

Coalition is looking to establish a plan to reach out to the business community and contact with Sununu.

The next Coalition meeting is September 24 at 9-10:30 at the Brookline Town Hall.

Letter from Kinder Morgan to New Ipswich Conservation Commission

In a letter dated September 1, 2015 addressed to Bob Boynton, Conservation Commission Chair, from Allen Fore, Vice President of Public Affairs, Kinder Morgan (KM), they state "that they would be interested to meet with Town representatives ...to discuss potential local mitigation opportunities and with your assistance, include projects with direct benefit to the Town of New Ipswich. In order to conduct an evaluation of potential opportunities that may be included with the Project application, we kindly request that you respond by September 24, 2015 with a date that would work for the Town of New Ipswich. In the interim, if you should have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me."

The Task Force definitely wants to be in attendance at this meeting.

The Task Force will invite the Conservation Commission to a Task Force meeting to discuss how to prepare for the meeting with KM. Wendy will send email invitations to each member of the Conservation Commission to a Task Force meeting on Wednesday, September 30th at 7pm.

Task Force Meetings with Kinder Morgan

The Task Force would like to give KM a list of questions for each focus area and will likely need multiple meetings with KM based on feedback from Lucas Meyer that they are willing to bring in experts about each topic.

Next FERC Scoping Meeting, Franklin Pierce University, 29 September

The Task Force will go before the BOS on 22 September with a list of points for the FERC Scoping meeting at FPU on September 29th.

Next Meeting

The Task Force will meet again on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the New Ipswich Town Offices.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Kathie Gauvin September 13, 2015

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Keeper of the Minutes Date of Approval