

Minutes for New Ipswich Pipeline Task Force 6-18-15

Call to Order

The first meeting of the New Ipswich Pipeline Task Force was held on June 18, 2015 at the New Ipswich Town Offices located at 661 Turnpike Rd, New Ipswich, NH 03071. The meeting was open to the public and posted through the town office with the required 24 hours notice to the public. It began at 7:00 pm.

Attendees

Task Force members in attendance included Wendy Juchnevics-Freeman, Maria Szmauz, Karen Miller, Sam Matthews, Sebastian Barthelmess, and Patricia Canaday.

There were no invited guests in attendance and no public attendees were present.

Selection of Officers

Task Force members were selected to the following posts:

Chair: Wendy Juchnevics-Freeman

Vice Chair: Maria Szmauz

Minutes: Patricia Canaday

Liaison to the New Ipswich Board of Selectmen: Karen Miller

Liaison to Community Outreach - Temple and Mason: Sam Matthews

Liaison to the Municipal Pipeline Coalition: Patricia Canaday

Liaison to Community Outreach – Rindge: Maria Szmauz

Liaison to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Outreach: Wendy Juchnevics-Freeman

Alternate Task Force Member and Liaison to Community Outreach – Milford: Sebastian Barthelmess

Task Force Procedure Guidelines

Wendy instructed the Task Force members on the correct guidelines for email communications among members and shared that all meetings must comply with the Freedom of Information Act. Therefore, all meetings must be noticed 24 hours in advance, must be open to the public, and minutes must be taken. Additionally, it was decided that Task Force member email addresses should be posted on the newipswichpipeline.info website for the public.

Preparation for Monday's Meeting with Senator Shaheen

The Municipal Pipeline Coalition was invited to meet with New Hampshire Senator, Jeanne Shaheen on Monday, June 22, 2015. As our Board of Selectmen, Woody Meizner, was out of town, the Task Force was asked to select a member to represent New Ipswich in that meeting. Patricia Canaday was chosen to be in attendance. The Task Force identified three specific concerns to New Ipswich, which Patricia was asked to share with the Senator if the Coalition agenda allowed. Those three areas of concern were:

1. Kinder Morgan's NED pipeline as the worst choice for New Hampshire and New Ipswich in particular. The pipeline and compressor station would bring significant fiscal burdens to the residents of New Ipswich that the town is not in a position to address.

2. New Ipswich is the proposed site for the 80,000 horsepower compressor station and should be given the opportunity to host a Scoping Meeting. Patricia was tasked with communicating at Monday's meeting the need for a local Scoping Meeting, and additional time and resources to properly prepare for such a Scoping Meeting. She was tasked with asking Senator Shaheen to make these requests of FERC on behalf of New Ipswich if the Coalition agenda allows for such a request.
3. Additionally, Patricia was tasked with asking Senator Shaheen to sponsor legislation to require projects such as NED to consider local ordinances when proposing such projects. The Task Force members felt that this would serve to protect New Ipswich's socio-economic diversity among other things.

Traction with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

Wendy shared details of her discussion with FERC representative, Eric Tomaski, Environmental Project Manager for NED (Northeast Energy Direct pipeline project). She gave the group insights into the Scoping Meeting process and identified ways that New Ipswich landowners can prepare to protect and preserve their land's resources and communicate these considerations to FERC during the Scoping Meeting. Wendy also shared the Eleven (11) topics from the Resource Report and suggested that we use these topics as a guide to our preparation for the Scoping Meeting. She told the group how to find the list of topics online and suggested that volunteers be asked to write an impact statement on each topic. Additionally, she felt that it would serve us to assign a New Ipswich resident to speak to each of the 11 topics at the Scoping Meeting. Wendy emphasized that real concerns must be put in writing and given to FERC at the Scoping Meeting and that it is a public forum for all. Wendy will forward the 150-page document called the "Guidance Manual for Environmental Report Preparation" which outlines the 11 topics discussed above.

Navigating the E-Library

Wendy instructed the Task Force members on the best way to navigate the FERC E-Library Resource and shared the dates of key events that were documented and can be found in this E-Library.

Town's Citizen Bill of Rights

Maria will talk with the group who created the Town's Citizen Bill of Rights and share it at a future Task Force Meeting.

Municipal Pipeline Coalition Attorney Fee Breakdown

Patricia handed out copies of the 2016 projected fees due to Attorney Kanoff as legal council to the Municipal Pipeline Coalition of which New Ipswich is a member. This handout was originally given to Board of Selectmen, Woody Meizner, at the Coalition Meeting held in Brookline on June 16, 2015. Woody forwarded this handout to Patricia for distribution to Task Force members.

Next New Ipswich Pipeline Task Force Meeting

The Task Force decided to continue meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 at the New Ipswich Town Offices. Karen Miller will notify the Town Administrator of this decision so future meetings can be made known to the public.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Patricia Canaday

June 25, 2015

Keeper of the Minutes
New Ipswich Pipeline Task Force

Date of Approval