

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
JUNE 30, 2015

PRESENT: George Lawrence, Chairman, Becky Doyle, Joanne Meshna

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

Turnpike Auto: An application for a junk yard license was received from Turnpike Auto Parks. An inspection of the site was held today. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve a license to operate the junk yard in effect until June 30, 2016. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fireworks permit: Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve a Permit to Display Fireworks for Alan Jemlich, 142 Mountain View Drive. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve a Permit to Display Fireworks for Jeremy Lunn, 1249 Turnpike Road. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve a Permit to Display Fireworks for Brett Kivela, 210 Upper Pratt Pond Road. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve a Permit to Display Fireworks for Katie Richards at 130 Upper Pratt Pond Road conditional upon receipt of permission from Gary Bertram, the owner of the property. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Private road agreement: The Board approved a Private Road Agreement for Eric and Marcella Stevens, 44 Old Beaver Road, lot 10/6-32.

Fire Department Appointments: Selectman Doyle made a motion to appoint Wendy Leger as Issuing Agent for the Fire Department and Benjamin Hatcher as Deputy Warden. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence added that Meredith Lund was no longer on leave and is a member of the Fire Department.

Minutes: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proposed pipeline: Wendy Freeman, Chairman of the New Ipswich Pipeline Task Force, asked that they have a page on the Town's website so they can provide information to the public on the proposed pipeline. They would have links to FERC, scoping meetings, maps, meetings, etc., and other information. The Selectman spoke on only providing general information for the public. The Board did not approve putting the Task Force's website address on the outside sign because of the precedent it would set for other groups; also, space is limited on the sign. Wendy stated one of the charges from the Selectmen to the Task Force was dissemination of information and they were attempting to come up with ways to do so. She added there are people that do not have any idea of the pipeline. The Board agreed to the page on the website; all documents must be sent to Joanne for approval before they are put on the site.

Wendy stated the group was also putting together an empowerment packet providing information on FERC, etc. and asked if it come be placed in the lobby for distribution. The Board was in agreement.

Scoping meetings have been announced for Milford on July 30 at 6:00 at the Milford Town Hall and on July 29 at 6:30 at the Radisson in Nashua. A scoping meeting has not been scheduled for New Ipswich. Wendy spoke to the environmental project manager who informed her the scoping meetings are conducted by FERC and explained the process to her. People who attend the meeting will be asked to sign in and indicate if they wish to speak. Politicians will speak first which include Selectmen. Then the public who have signed in to speak will be called to do so. They expect to adjourn by midnight. Wendy stated the concerns of the Town need to be outlined in a letter and a presentation made at the scoping meeting. FERC will be looking for things to avoid, mitigate, minimize or compensate at the scoping meeting. The Town needs to make a strong showing at the meeting.

Wendy stated the Task Force will be drafting a letter to FERC in response to a scoping meeting not being scheduled in New Ipswich. The letter will reinforce the need for a scoping meeting in New Ipswich because of the compressor being sited here and will be signed by the Selectman. Wendy added a representative from FERC had informed her they like to see compressors sited on contaminated land because the owner would have to clean up the site; usually it is unusable land that now gets used.

With regard to an environmental assessment study, there is a provision that allows studies on environmental impact by third parties and paid for by Kinder Morgan. The Task Force will be drafting a letter stating the Town does not have the resources to do our own assessment. Wendy asked about matching funds for the Coalition. Selectman Meiszner will address that when he returns from vacation. Wendy suggested it was a good faith gesture to at least match what the citizen's group has put forth.

As far as having intervener status, Wendy noted it is premature at this time to apply as we are at the pre filing stage. Wendy suggested Bob's presentation to the Selectmen be put on the website. Ron Stanley noted it can be viewed on the website by looking at May 12 and movie 211. Wendy inquired if there was an ordinance to deny access to Kinder Morgan on public property such as public rights-of-way for surveying, and the Board responded the Town does not have such an ordinance.

Tim Somero stated that Dave Wheeler is working on a position paper against the pipeline. He added that Mr. Stoltz from Temple informed him the Town can ask that there be no blasting, only hammering and cutting.

Wendy stated the landowner notification rules are very detailed on how and who is to be notified by Kinder Morgan. The Task Force is trying to get clarification from the attorney for the Coalition. Landowners within one half mile of the enclosure of the compressor station are to be notified and it is not clear if that has been done in a timely manner.

Sexton: Oliver Niemi, Sexton, reminded the Board he is resigning as of August 1. The Trustees will be picking a replacement.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

June 30, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by the Board:

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George H. Lawrence, Chairman

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Rebecca M. Doyle

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