

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MAY 19, 2015

PRESENT: George Lawrence, Chairman, Woody Meiszner, Joanne Meshna

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Selectman Lawrence asked for a moment of silence in memory of Bob Gammel.

Proposed pipeline: Selectman Meiszner reported on the meeting this morning with the NH Coalition. They have decided to hire Attorney Richard Kanoff and are asking him for a scope of work to be performed. House Majority Leader Jack Flanagan spoke on the bill in the Senate on eminent domain. Mr. Flanagan also contacted FERC to determine if they would be considering existing alternative proposals when reviewing the pipeline application and then responded they would. Also discussed at the meeting was how to pay Attorney Kanoff. Selectmen Meiszner stated that if New Ipswich joined the Town should contribute something. He referred to the petition with 768 signatures and questioned if they would be willing to donate. A warrant article requesting funds could be submitted on the 2016 warrant.

Joanne stated she had contacted Attorney Kinyon regarding the pipeline and he suggested the Board hire an attorney who had experience with pipelines.

Wendy Freeman stated it was important to seek counsel from an attorney with experience with SEC and FERC. She asked Selectman Meiszner to find out how to be an intervener and how to schedule a scoping meeting in New Ipswich. She continued that there were 768 signatures on the petition and she could not see any effort by the Selectmen to figure out exactly what the Town can do. There is not enough progress being made. The people that signed the petition are being disrespected. Further, she stated she was frustrated that there could not be a conversation on how to move forward.

Lyn Sullivan stated Selectman Lawrence did not have the passion to be in his seat. Patricia Canaday noted this was the first meeting they had attended and even if some things were repeated it was important to hear. Further, she stated she was concerned about the noise from the compressor. Selectman Meiszner noted the Planning Board is working on a noise ordinance. Wendy Freeman stated the pipeline violates the Zoning ordinance and steep slopes and is not a use that would be allowed. There are conservation easements that will be violated.

Bob Boynton stated the property on Skinny Cat Road where the compressor might go needs to be mediated and cleaned up before anything is done with it.

Rick Johnson explained to the Board that his house is within 100 feet from the location of the proposed pipeline and there are a lot of houses on Stowell Road that will be impacted by the pipeline. He considers it an invasion of his land and his life. He is looking forward to retirement but may be unable to sell his house because of the pipeline. Mrs. Johnson stated she is shocked and feels betrayed and it should not happen in this Town.

Darin Kopel expressed his concern for wells and explosions. Lyn Sullivan asked about the tax revenue from the pipeline. That has not been determined and would require an expert in the field of utilities assessment.

David Cotzin donated \$10.00, Wendy Freeman \$20.00, Renee Juchnevics-Freeman \$10.00, Rick Johnson \$5.00, Karen Miller \$20.00, and Lyn Sullivan donated \$20.00 for attorney fees.

Wendy Freeman stated the Town needs assistance from the State to have an economic impact study and an environmental impact study. This needs to be done before an application is filed. The PUC has asked for a study on the region but that would not address what happens in New Ipswich. Wendy encouraged the Board to join the coalition and then go State government for assistance. This is where the Selectmen can help.

Selectman Meiszner stated he had spent hours pondering the role of leader. A majority of people are against the pipeline. He is concerned about air emissions and noise from a compressor. Karen Miller stated her concerns were with water and air and she is worried about abutters and the community as a whole. Selectman Meiszner added individuals should attend the hearings in the Senate on the bill for eminent domain.

Bob Boynton stated a well inventory along the proposed pipeline should be done and he is working on getting the data now.

Wendy Freeman asked Woody to find out from Kinder Morgan where there is a compressor located that is the size proposed for New Ipswich. He will contact Kinder Morgan.

Selectman Meiszner stated the Board will be prepared to act on the petition at the June 2, 2015 meeting.

Greenbriar Road: A letter was received by the Board from Karen and Alfred Guadagni, 76 Greenbriar Road, noting Greenbriar Road is being used as a through road to the trailer park. They ask that the road be made a dead end road as was initially planned. Selectman Lawrence stated he would call the new owners of the park, Freedom Pond.

Sharon Rosenfelder: A letter in opposition to the pipeline was received from Mrs. Rosenfelder. Also, she questioned the meeting schedule with Kinder Morgan of which there is none.

Stearns Burton: A letter was received from Kathleen Gauvin resigning from the Stearns Burton Lecture Committee.

Sebastian Barthelmess: A letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Barthelmess stating their opposition to the pipeline.

July 4th: July 4 falls on a Saturday. According to the Employee Handbook, if a holiday falls on a Saturday it is observed on Friday. Since the Town Office is closed on Friday, the holiday will be celebrated on Thursday, July 2.

Propane cannon complaint: A letter was received from Chief Carpenter on his investigation into the complaint filed regarding the discharge of a propane cannon on Middle Pratt Pond Road by Marshall Cain. Mr. Cain was advised that a propane cannon is not considered a firework and is actually a cannon which needs special authorization by the Chief of Police.

Private road agreement: A private road agreement and release was approved for Erick Krook, lot 10/6-2, Jacqueline Drive.

Minutes: Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 nonpublic session. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Tax bills: Tax bills will be mailed out next week and due July 1, 2015.

Temple Road properties: Selectman Lawrence had a call about the property on Temple Road known as the old blacksmith shop and it being in bad shape. Also, he was questioned if there were businesses at 8 Laurel Street and 6 Temple Road. Selectman Lawrence will be making calls to the owners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

May 20, 2015 Board of Selectmen May 19, 2015 minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner

