

MINUTES FOR NEW IPSWICH PIPELINE TASK FORCE 9-17-15

Attendees

Task Force members in attendance included Wendy Juchnevics-Freeman, Karen Miller, Dennis Gauvin, and Maria Szmauz.

Announcements

Town Office meeting room is available for two upcoming meetings. On Monday, September 28th at 7pm, the Task Force will be meeting with Eric Tomasi from FERC to speak about the compressor station. A Task Force meeting on September 30th at 7:00pm is scheduled with the Conservation Commission.

The current work that Eversource is completing is work that has been on the docket since 2008 ice storms. They are replacing wooden poles with metal poles. Half of the poles will be replaced this year and half next year. This information has been posted on the New Ipswich website.

Meeting in Rindge-Community Bill of Rights-Community Environment Legal Defense Fund

Dennis attended this meeting. It did not appear as though any Planning Board members from New Ipswich were in attendance. Dennis reported that the focus of the workshop was that the CELDF was available to assist towns with civil rights ordinances that could help the towns with legal struggles. Local ordinances are the law, not superseded by Federal and State laws. This may be developed in the future.

Letter from Bob Boynton to Select Board

Bob Boynton presented a letter addressing the private wells of New Ipswich residents. Residents' concerns should be addressed. Each well owner should express their own concerns about their wells by "ecommenting" to FERC.

Farm Bureau meeting with KM in Concord September 17th for farmers Hillsborough and Chester counties

The Farm Bureau held a meeting with Kinder Morgan to address the farmers' concerns. Kinder Morgan had a presentation for the famers. Wendy was in attendance. Highlights were:

- Kinder Morgan stated that the availability of coexistence (collocation) of the pipeline with the EVERSOURCE power lines was the reason for the move to NH. They will clear at least 55ft outside the easement and will use the power line for the construction.

- Kinder Morgan said that a noise level of less than 55 decibels would be impossible in New Ipswich with the size of the compressor station. It is engineered to be no more than 55 decibels.
- Herbicides will be used on station sites of the pipeline.
- Questions were asked about insurance availability of farms along the pipeline.
- Kinder Morgan admitted that they are looking at the SWPA study and that that study has real science.
- George from UNH Cooperative Extension mentioned that Hillsborough County ranks very high in the country with farmers selling directly to consumer. What would happen to sales if the public's perception of soil contamination and water pollution, etc. to these farmers' land came into play? What would happen to their customers?
- Kinder Morgan plans to test wells within 200ft of the pipeline. Exception to this may be made but it is unclear how that will happen.

Dennis presented information about Minisink, NY and Harvard Studies

Dennis talked about a 12,000 hp compressor station in Minisink, NY with a population of 4910 people and the resulting illnesses that were documented in 35 residents who lived within a mile of the compressor station. The FERC commission had voted 3-2 to sign off on the project. Interestingly the two members (one of whom had previously been the chairperson for the commission) that voted in opposition re: the project, recommended that an alternative line be used instead and that the emissions from the compressor station would be dangerous. In a SWP-EHP report the main concern of data gathered regarding the illnesses of the 35 residents was the PM 2.5 fine particulate matter (smog-like). Air monitoring continued and the results are included in the SWP-EHP report and backed up by Harvard Studies on PM 2.5. Dennis will continue to investigate information from the Harvard studies and others.

Maria's Reports

Maria reported Ledger Transcript is going to be doing a cover story about the pipeline resistance. Maria asked if the Task Force could provide input and will be asking for commentary. Maria also wrote a Letter to Editor at the Telegraph.

Maria provided the NE Forestry Foundation with some information about the pipeline as Kinder Morgan hasn't provided them with anything.

KM is supposed to test interference at pipeline location. It could be dangerous if not tested properly.

Future Work Plans

Wendy is going to put together a list of concerns regarding the pipeline and the compressor station. These will be questions that have not yet answered by KM, major focus on emissions and standards.

Wendy will provide Task Force members with links to resource reports to go through to with a list of questions and concerns. Each task force member will choose which resource source reports that they would like to work on.

Future Important Meetings

Monday, September 28th at 7pm meeting with Eric Tomasi, of FERC re: compressor station.

Tuesday, September 29th, Scoping meeting at FPU 6-11 pm. Sign up starts up 5.

Wednesday, September 30th, at 7pm the Task Force will meet with the Conservation Commission.

Next Meeting

The Task Force will meet again on Thursday, September 24th at 7pm.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Kathie Gauvin September 18, 2015

Keeper of the Minutes

Date of Approval