

Next meeting is Wednesday March 18, 2015

Called to Order at 6:30pm in the Office of Community Development conference room

Present:

Steve Duncanson, chair

Mark Bender, Town Administrator

Herb Adams

Chris Costantino, alternate for Andy Hughes

David Beach, guest representing the Amherst Task Force

Excused: Andy Hughes, Carolyn Halstead, Steve Bonczar, Don Jalbert

Discussion:

1. Amherst has created a task force.
 - a. It is chaired by John De Angelo.
 - b. Identified areas of interest and then assigned members to address each area which will be compiled for a report to the Board of Selectmen
 - i. Environmental
 - ii. Ecological
 - iii. Economical
 - iv. Historical
 - v. Safety
 - vi. Transportation
 - c. They referenced the 2010 Master Plan for the framework of their research and how the proposed pipeline will impact goals stated in the Master Plan including community values, semi-rural character, undeveloped industrial area, etc.
 - d. FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) website will send emails to anyone who is registered on their site notifying of new comments received.
 - e. Kinder Morgan will have a presentation in Amherst on March 23 at the Souhegan High School at 8:00 in the auditorium. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment.

2. Mark reported that
 - a. Mark is a member of EFAC (Energy Facility Advisory Committee) hosted by NRPC (Nashua Regional Planning Commission) which has also identified areas of concern.
 - i. Environmental

- ii. Construction – impact on roads and bridges with the heavy equipment needed for construction
 - iii. Economic
 - iv. Historic
 - v. Infrastructure and safety
 - vi. Demand need analysis
 - b. There are approximately 45 homes in Milford with wells that are $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the proposed route
 - c. During construction of the pipeline tree cutting must be complete by the end of March each year to avoid impacting bird breeding season. Who pays timber tax & who gets log/lumber revenue?
3. Task Force assignments – areas of interest/potential impact – report progress at the next meeting
 - a. Herb - historic component
 - b. Steve D and Mark – infrastructure and construction
 - c. Andy – natural resources, environment and conservation
 - d. Don – economic
 - e. Steve B and Carolyn – demand needs analysis and safety
4. Roundtable of opinions/concerns
 - a. The effect on property owners is immense and permanent
 - b. Greenhouse emissions at the compressor stations are significant.
 - c. Eminent Domain is a huge concern among the group; need to understand the powers and process for the government to execute a taking on this scale
 - d. Need to educate the landowners of their rights before they sign away use of their property
 - e. Will homeowners be coming to the town hall in search of tax abatements once there is a pipeline on their property
 - f. Dead grass is an indicator of a gas leak. Pipeline personnel use aerial flyovers to scan for dead grass
5. Steps to take
 - a. Need to identify stone walls
 - b. Find or get a best estimate of the location of the former Ponemah Hotel and Milford Springs
 - c. Walk the proposed route as soon as the snow has melted
 - d. Chris will make a copy of Mark's route aerial for Herb
 - e. Next meeting is March 18, 2015 – Wednesday next week in BOS conference room

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