

**Milford Pipeline Task Force  
Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2015, 6.30pm**

Location: Board of Selectman Meeting Room, Milford Town Hall

**DATES OF NOTE:**

**Next meeting will be held on Weds May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6.30pm, Board of Selectmen meeting room**

**Attendance**

• **Task Force Members (Gray = absent)**

Mark Bender <i>Town Administrator</i> <a href="mailto:mbender@milford.nh.gov">mbender@milford.nh.gov</a>	Steve Duncanson <i>Planning Board</i> <a href="mailto:slduncanson@comcast.net">slduncanson@comcast.net</a>	Herb Adams <i>Heritage Commission</i> <a href="mailto:Hradams57@comcast.net">Hradams57@comcast.net</a>	Don Jalbert <i>EDAC</i> <a href="mailto:djalbert@sau40.com">djalbert@sau40.com</a>
Andy Hughes <i>Vice Chair, Conservation Commission</i> <a href="mailto:andrew.g.hughes.99@gmail.com">andrew.g.hughes.99@gmail.com</a>	Carolyn Halstead <i>Town Resident</i> <a href="mailto:rhalstea@msn.com">rhalstea@msn.com</a>	Steve Bonczar <i>Town Resident</i> <a href="mailto:sbonczar@myfairpoint.net">sbonczar@myfairpoint.net</a>	

• **Members of the Public**

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**Abbreviations frequently used**

CC	Conservation Commission
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
KM	Kinder Morgan
NED	Northeast Energy Direct
TBD	To be determined

Records below are divided into three categories:

1. Items new at this meeting
2. Items open from previous meetings
3. Items closed in meetings prior

**Items new at this meeting**

Topic	Discussion and Activity	Owner(s)	Status
Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of the previous (4/22 & 4/29) mtg were reviewed and approved	<b>Andy H</b>	Closed
Safety	5/6 Steve B presented draft of Safety impacts/Issues. Minor changes were proposed. 4/29: Steve B has completed his draft but had experienced technical	<b>Steve B</b>	Open

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	<p>difficulties in circulating it for review by the team. It will be circulated in the next day or so.</p> <p>Steve B reviewed his draft in the meeting for the TF members. Mark B mentioned that mention the existing Liberty gas line in town as one of the already existing gas hazards.</p> <p>4/15: Steve B is working on the safety impacts and plans to have a draft for next week.</p>		
Historic/Heritage	<p>5/6 Herb stated that he is adding a map showing the historic home sites and the approximate location of the Hotel Ponemah and Mineral Springs.</p> <p>4/29 Herb reported on his new draft</p> <p>4/22: Herb reported he is revising his report draft.</p> <p>4/15: Herb identified 3 potential homes/homesteads of historical significance. They are checking to see if they are in the National Historic Register. Herb will be working on a matrix/draft of impacts over the weekend for discussion next week.</p> <p>4/1: Herb A said that he had come across a cornerstone of a Carriage House on Ponemah Way. While this is not directly on the anticipated Pipeline route, it is nearby and should be borne in mind as the route is developed.</p>	Herb A	<p>Closed</p> <p>Review when route is definitively known or changed.</p>
Economic	<p>4/29: Don was not present but his report, circulated this past week to TF members was reviewed.</p> <p>4/22: There was discussion of the point that new staff employed at permanent major above-ground new Pipeline facilities in our region would contribute to the economy of whichever community they resided in.</p> <p>4/15: Don did not have new information. He has started an outline and will have a draft in the next week or two.</p>	Don J	Closed
Construction Impacts	<p>5/6 Mark provided an update to the draft adding Class 1 – 4 definitions, minor language changes and adding a map of the Federal Hill through Ponemah Hill neighborhoods with approximate location of private wells and other significant items.</p> <p>4/29: Mark B reported on his revised draft.</p> <p>4/22: Mark B reported on his draft report that he circulated via e-mail.</p> <p>4/15: Mark reported that he has received additional answers to construction questions from KM and will be working on draft of impacts to the Town. Many of the issues are still to be determined (TBD) so we will have to watch the Draft Environmental Reports for updates.</p> <p>4/8: Mark reported that the Granite Ridge Power Plant is located in Londonderry. It was built in 2000/2001 at a cost of \$340 Million and generates 752MW of power. Mark reported that he has received answers to construction questions from KM and will be working on draft of impacts to the Town. Many of the issues are</p>	Mark B	Closed

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Conservation	<p>4/29: Andy H has circulated his his draft on 4/28, and reviewed it in the meeting for the TF members. He will make a few minor edits, mainly for typographical errors, and send the revision to Steve D.</p> <p>4/22: Andy H reported he is working on his draft and expects to have it ready by 4/29.</p>	<b>Andy H</b>	Open
Eminent Domain (3/18/15)	<p>5/6 Carolyn reported that her draft will be submitted by Sunday, May 10.</p> <p>4/22: Carolyn H reported that Feds require that the States has its own Eminent Domain law. In NH that's RSA-498A.</p> <p>She also stated that KM don't want to own the land through which their pipeline passes, they just want ROW. She was not sure how that squares with Eminent Domain.</p> <p>4/1: Eminent Domain can only be used if deemed necessary by FERC</p> <p>3/18/15: Investigate the process of acquiring Eminent Domain for this proposed pipeline and report to the Task Force</p> <p>3/25: Carolyn reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislation is in process in Concord such that when a utility infrastructure eventually goes out of use, any land-related costs that the utility was paying for it will continue to be borne by the utility/company and not the landowner.</li> <li>• FERC is reluctant to permit the use of Eminent Domain except as a last resort.</li> </ul> <p>Carolyn is continuing to gather further information.</p>	<b>Carolyn H</b>	Open
Executive Summary	5/6 Steve D stated that he has been working on the summary and will likely have an initial draft for the next meeting.	<b>Steve D</b>	Open
Public Comments	Jeff Wells, resident, presented a report detailing property value degradation resulting from transmission pipelines, utility corridors, etc. He gave the report to Mark and asked that it be forwarded to Don Jalbert. Mark stated that another pipeline group heard data from Southern NH communities with 20" transmission pipelines. They reported that after the initial fear factor that there was no difference in appraised value or sale prices for comparable homes located on the pipeline or away from the pipeline but in the same town.	<b>Don J</b>	Open