REGIONAL ENERGY FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EFAC)
Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 13, 2015 – 2:00-3:30PM
9 Executive Park Drive, Suite 201
Merrimack, New Hampshire

1. Call to Order, Introductions

2. Privilege of the Floor

3. Approval of the Minutes from March 6, 2015

4. Update on Impacts Data Gathering
   - Environmental (NRPC)
   - Construction (Mark Bender, Tom Young)
   - Economic (Tad Putney, Sara Marchant)
   - Historic (Tim Thompson, Hal Lynde)
   - Infrastructure & Safety (Eric Hahn, Elvis Dhima)
   - Demand & Need Analysis (Kat McGhee, Steve Wells)

5. Proposed Committee Workplan: Milestones and Timeline

6. Other Business

7. Next Meeting

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NRPC ENERGY FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

03/06/15

Members Present:

Eric Hahn, Amherst
Tad Putney, Town Administrator - Brookline
Kat McGhee, Hollis Pipeline Impact Study Taskforce
Elvis Dhima, Town of Hudson
Tom Young, Town of Litchfield
Steve Wells, Mason
Tim Thompson, Town of Merrimack
Mark Bender, Town Administrator - Milford
Kermit Williams, Town of Wilton
Hal Lynde, Town of Pelham
John Greene, Congresswoman Kuster's Office
Kari Thurman, Senator Shaheen's Office

Others Present

David Beach, Amherst
Nelson Disco – Merrimack
George May – Souhegan/Merrimack River

STAFF PRESENT

Tim Roache, MPO Coordinator Sara Siskavich, GIS Manager Karen Baker, Program Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

While waiting for more members to arrive, Siskavich explained Drop Box to the group and suggested they sign up for a Drop Box account in order to upload and view documents pertaining to the EFAC. She also informed the group that NRPC has taken receipt of 2 documents; one from Doug Whitbeck and one from the LMRLAC and have placed them in the Dropbox for Committee review. Kermit Williams started the meeting with introductions at 2:10pm. In an effort to brainstorm with the group to establish what other info they would need to have before they start going through what they already know, Agenda Item #6 was discussed first. From this brainstorm discussion, the group came up with buckets for the group to gather information. From the buckets, questions were also established to begin the investigation and fact finding. Below are the buckets and questions.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Questions:

1. What is the potential impact of secondary growth brought on by the pipeline.
2. Are there town specific resources that need to be identified? NRPC will develop GIS Analysis to respond to AECOM letter with EFAC members to supply local info related to Environmental Resources.

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS:

Questions:

1. How does KM plan to address contamination of surface and ground water from blasting emulsions and compounds from drilling, blasting, rock crushing and excavation using heavy equipment?
2. What is done with ledge that is crushed and removed?
3. What is the source of fill, if used?

ECONOMIC IMPACTS:

Questions:

1. What are the immediate impacts to property value?, long term?
2. Initial Tax Revenue, then future possible abatements, devaluation?
3. Town's emergency response resources –costs?
4. Easement effects on properties?
5. Potential for lowered electric costs – cascade effect on economy and econ dev?
6. Potential for job creation?

HISTORIC IMPACT:

Questions:

1. Are there local/regional historic properties impacted? EFAC group to add Historic Resources from their communities to the Drop Box.
2. What are the impacts to scenic roads? Eileen Cabanel has a letter for the region on this.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY IMPACTS:

Questions:

1. How many roads and bridges impacted in the short and long term?
2. What are the impacts to pavement integrity from heavy equipment?
3. Are there road closings anticipated? What is the duration?
4. Are there "cut-off" cul-de-sac's?
5. How are leaks monitored and addressed? Can you smell a leak?
6. Who is responsible for Emergency Response Planning? Are there resources available to towns?
7. Do construction standards vary relative to proximity to population?

DEMAND NEED ANALYSIS:

Questions: (Kat McGhee provided a list with these questions)

1. Who establishes need and how is need defined?
2. What do past estimates site for need?
3. How is public interest defined? Does the public have a say?
4. How are market forces considered Does Export Count?
5. Are all energy sources on a level playing field? Is gas replacing another source (renewables)?
6. Are there metrics for decision makers to determine need?
7. Has need been established independently?

George May asked for more specific information under Environmental Impacts for the Souhegan and Merrimack River floodplains and how they will be affected where the proposed pipeline will run across one of the rivers 4 times. Hahn said there was minimal value in suggesting alternative routes. McGhee said that Hollis hired a hydro expert for issues pertaining to rivers. There was further discussion on hydro engineers and how effective they can be in regards to mitigation impacts. Williams said there will be assignments when asked by one of the group. Roache said there should be 1-2 people to start pulling the small bullets together. There was more discussion on how to deal with each of the buckets. Roache said the Drop Box could be set up with structured categories and everything dropped there. Each of the towns could gather and submit their list of historic resources to the Drop Box. There was discussion on non-governmental agencies that the group should speak to. CLF was mentioned and McGhee said she had a list and would put in the Drop Box. Roache said the group should think of what questions to ask which agencies.

DISCUSSION OF RSA 162H:16

Roache referred to RSA 162H:16 listed as Agenda item # 7 asking the group to keep this in mind when making your recommendation to the Commission. Williams said that the SEC will not talk to us, we will just be heard to remain neutral, but Kinder Morgan will talk to us. There was discussion on what happens if the SEC gets bypassed. Hahn felt that the NRPC should be included in group that FERC will be talking to. Both Merrimack and Amherst reps said that they had scheduled meetings with Kinder Morgan: Amherst on March 23 at the Amherst HS and March 26th at the James Mastricola Upper Elementary School in Merrimack, both being held at 8:00pm. Both towns were pre-submitting their questions; Merrimack had generated a list of questions & posted on their website and Amherst was working on theirs. There was discussion on what State laws applied to this process and that the RPCs have opportunity to speak to this

part of the RSA. McGhee said Hollis used this RSA and tailored their report to have influence. There was further discussion on the SEC and FERC process and the similarities of both processes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Roache asked if there were any comments or changes to the draft EFAC minutes from February 27th, 2015. McGhee motioned to approve the minutes of February 27, 2015 with a second from Putney. All were in favor with one abstention.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Beach asked what Privilege of the Floor was and Williams & Roache explained to Beach that is gives opportunity for members present from the public to speak.

OTHER BUSINESS

Roache said he would put the list together on Drop Box. Anyone who has a specific area of interest can volunteer by email. Bender suggested that towns look at the items unique to their towns and address them. Roache said the next meeting agenda will have the topics discussed today and be reported back. Williams asked whether to invite guests for any of the next meetings. Dhima felt we were not ready to have experts in yet and needed to have our questions ready first.

NEXT MEETING

Motion to Adjourn came from Bender with a second from Thompson. The meeting ended at 3:57 pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 13th, 2015 from 2:00-3:30pm.