

Amherst Pipeline Taskforce Meeting
Tuesday, September 29, 2015 – 7:30PM

ATTENDEES: David Beach, Joe McCool, Amanda Jensen, John D'Angelo – Selectman, Paul Indeglia, Colin Lonsdale, Colleen Mailloux - Community Development Director.

The group discussed the revised pipeline route presented by Kinder Morgan at the September 16 taskforce meeting. C. Mailloux identified four residential properties impacted by the current route. The route directly impacts 22 total properties, reduced from the 66 properties that would have been impacted by the previous proposed route. The new route may have some wetland impacts, based upon existing wetland assessments the Town has on file.

The taskforce discussed the potential for the Town to retain a lawyer specializing in easements and land use and making that lawyer available for impacted properties owners. The taskforce agreed that the proposal has merit, and suggested that liability and logistics of such an arrangement would need to be addressed.

Future projects for the taskforce to undertake will include producing a construction requirements document outlining the Town's requirements to ensure that construction impacts are minimized. Milford has produced a similar document that the taskforce should review in drafting its own report.

The taskforce discussed a recent memo from PUC staff regarding the need for natural gas in New Hampshire. Concerns were expressed regarding the memo and its use of language taken directly from a report prepared by ICF.

J. D'Angelo stated that the BOS has reached out to several attorneys to gauge their willingness and ability to challenge the pipeline from a constitutional law perspective. The cost for legal support would require a warrant article on the March ballot as the town's legal budget is not sufficient to take on such a challenge.

The taskforce will wait for a formal filing from KM with FERC and will then review next steps and projects.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen Mailloux