

1 **Amherst Pipeline Task Force Meeting**
2 **Wednesday, September 16, 2015 – 2:00PM**

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4 **ATTENDEES:**

5 Task Force Members: David Beach, Tiani Coleman, Colin Lonsdale, Reed Panasiti – Selectman,
6 John D’Angelo – Selectman, Paul Indeglia – ACC Liaison, Colleen Mailloux – Community
7 Development Director

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9 Also in attendance, Lucas Meyer – Kinder Morgan, Barry Duff – Kinder Morgan, Mark
10 Hamarich – Kinder Morgan, Jim Hartman – Tennessee Gas

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12 Approximately 30 interested residents were in attendance.

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14 The meeting began at 2:04pm. C. Mailloux stated that this is a follow up to previous meetings
15 held between the Amherst Pipeline Task Force and Kinder Morgan to discuss alternate routes for
16 the pipeline through Amherst. This is a public meeting, and the public are welcome to attend
17 and observe but there will be no public comment. Members of the Task Force and Kinder
18 Morgan representatives introduced themselves.

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20 L. Meyer thanked the Task Force for agreeing to meet. Maps showing a revised proposed route
21 were provided to members of the Task Force and the audience. L. Meyer stated that, during
22 previous meetings in April and June, the Task Force presented Kinder Morgan with areas of
23 concern with the proposed pipeline route through Amherst. Kinder Morgan has studied
24 alternatives that avoid the sensitive areas identified by the Task Force and feel confident that
25 they have identified a route that they can move forward with. B. Duff reviewed the alternate
26 route plan. Since the last meeting, they have changed the route between the Milford border and
27 Bon Terrain. They are able to move the proposed route south to avoid the Patricia Lane
28 neighborhood, the approved workforce housing development, and the church at the corner of Rt.
29 122 and Patricia Lane. Pennichuck also requested that the pipeline be moved further from their
30 storage tanks in the Bon Terrain area, and that request was accommodated. Pipeline will now be
31 742 feet from tank. The pipeline will run parallel to the railroad track, through Hollis, into
32 Merrimack and then will cross 101A and Continental Boulevard and follow a route on the
33 southerly side of Continental Boulevard. B. Duff indicated that a construction contractor has
34 done preliminary analysis and determined that the pipeline route as proposed is buildable.
35 Estimate 55 weeks of construction to complete the Amherst-Merrimack segment of the pipeline
36 – a longer construction time table than the preliminary route. Route 101A and Continental
37 Boulevard crossings would be done through borings to avoid construction impacts/road closures.
38 The proposed route includes 1,400 feet in Hollis, along the railroad track. The southerly shift
39 puts the proposed route between 300-700 feet south of Patricia Lane and 242 feet south of the
40 church.

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42 J. D’Angelo asked if the revised route avoids residential cul-de-sacs? B. Duff – yes. Does it
43 avoid the workforce housing development and the church? Yes. B. Duff stated that the railroad
44 is being followed into Merrimack. The route crosses near Home Depot and continues south of
45 Continental, 1,100 feet from Thornton Ferry School.

47 J. Hartman stated that property owners along the newly proposed route have not yet been
48 identified. The next step is contacting property owners (including railroad), getting survey
49 permission. J. D'Angelo stated that this plan represents an improved route through Amherst.
50 The Task Force will review the plans and provide comment.

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52 B. Duff indicated that this proposed route is the one that will be submitted when Kinder Morgan
53 files with FERC. They are expected to file in the fourth quarter of this year. D. Beach stated
54 that the resource reports are included in the filing. B. Duff stated that resource report 10, which
55 will be included in the filing, will include all of the alternatives that have been reviewed to get to
56 this preferred route. FERC has the ultimate decision; they could say that there is a better route.
57 FERC chooses the pipeline route.

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59 T. Coleman asked if the public would be notified of the alternate route before the draft resource
60 report is filed. B. Duff – the next filing will be the final filing with FERC with this revised route.
61 This meeting is the first public release of the revised route. J. Hartman stated that Kinder Morgan
62 must do its due diligence, identify property owners, etc. This will begin soon.

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64 P. Indeglia asked about wetland impacts in the area of Route 122. B. Duff indicated the route in
65 that area is on a side slope and not expected to be wetland. J. Hartman stated that the route will
66 be surveyed, wetland scientists will delineate wetlands. P. Indeglia indicated likely to be some
67 wetland near the FW Webb warehouse in Bon Terrain.

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69 J. Hartman pointed out that the plans provided show the pipeline route and a 200' survey
70 corridor on either side of the route. The area on the plan is not indicative of the construction
71 corridor.

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73 M. Bender, Milford Town Administrator, stated that this looks to be a much more direct route
74 with less mileage. Kinder Morgan estimates that total mileage through Amherst and Merrimack
75 will be reduced by approximately 3 miles.

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77 A resident of Merrimack expressed concern with the proximity to the Thornton Ferry School and
78 a hospice house, impacts to residential areas in Merrimack.

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80 K. McGhee, a resident of Hollis and member of the Hollis Pipeline Task Force asked if there was
81 any plan for facilities, plants in Bon Terrain. Pennichuck has plans to build a plant to remove
82 manganese from water from the wells in that area to make it useable, but Kinder Morgan has no
83 plans for any facilities relating to the pipeline in Bon Terrain.

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85 J. D'Angelo summarized, this is an improved route through Amherst. This is the best of a bad
86 deal- far better than the original proposal which would have impacted Ponemah Bog, Souhegan
87 River, Amherst schools. This reduces the impact on residential neighborhoods in Amherst. This
88 avoids Merrimack conservation land and reduces mileage through Amherst and Merrimack. The
89 newly proposed route is a less disruptive route through Amherst. The pipeline Task Force will
90 review the plans. L. Meyer indicated that electronic plans will be sent to C. Mailloux and
91 NRPC. The Amherst Task Force will review the revised route and will notify Kinder Morgan of
92 any issues.

93 J. Hartmann asked if the Task Force will convey to FERC its opinion of the alternate route. J.
94 D'Angelo, there is no way to make everyone happy. Would like to see pipeline pushed 20 miles
95 to the south, but the efforts of Kinder Morgan in addressing the concerns of the Amherst pipeline
96 Task Force are appreciated. Minutes of the meeting will be submitted to FERC.

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98 The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

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