## **TOWN OF AMHERST – BOARD OF SELECTMEN**



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Allen, Lucas, Matt,

We are looking forward to your participation at the Kinder Morgan Proposed Pipeline Forum at the Souhegan High School Theater at 8 pm on Monday, March 23rd. Souhegan High School is located at 412 Boston Post Road, Amherst NH 03031.

Can you please send me a list of names, titles and contact information for the Kinder Morgan participants.

While there is some flexibility in the agenda timeline, we envision something like this:

- 8:00 8:05 Introductions
- 8:05 8:20 Kinder Morgan Presentation
- 8:20 8:35 Kinder Morgan Response to Task Force questions (attached)
- 8:35 8:45 Questions from Amherst Board of Selectman
- 8:45 9:30 Questions from the public with priority to Amherst specific concerns
- 9:30 9:45 Comments from Federal and State officials (if any)
- 9:45 Adjourn

I am attaching a list of questions compiled by the Amherst Pipeline Task Force lead by Selectman John D'Angelo. We kept these questions to a minimum to allow the maximum amount of time for questions from the public.

One additional question that I intend to ask is: "If someone is concerned about the proposed route because of safety or environmental concerns, what steps do they need to take?"

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Dwight Brew Chairman, Amherst Board of Selectmen

## Sample Questions for Kinder Morgan (KM) Visit 23-March-2015 Souhegan High School Theater – Amherst, NH

- 1. Kinder Morgan (KM), and Tennessee Gas in particular, have had a number of safety related problems in recent years:
  - a. How does the percentage of safety related problems for all domestic, onshore transmission pipelines that are attributable to KM transmission pipelines compare with KM's percentage of U. S. onshore transmission pipelines?
  - b. What has been KM's safety record specifically in the Northeast region of the US?
  - c. Is KM's / Tennessee's safety incident record better or worse than the industry average? Why?
  - d. Is KM's / Tennessee's safety incident record better or worse than its major competitors' records? Why?
  - e. What assurance is KM offering that the proposed pipeline will be well constructed and without significant safety problems for our town, during construction and for decades thereafter?
- 2. What is the process by which Kinder Morgan considers and evaluates alternate routes for its proposed pipeline?
  - a. How will KM engage with the towns impacted by the current and/or proposed alternate routes? How and when will towns be engaged in alternate route discussions?
  - b. What alternate routes through Amherst have already been considered, if any?
  - c. When and how will KM's engage local boards, e.g. Amherst Conservation Commission, Planning Board, etc?
- 3. In regards to cul-de-sac roads, e.g. Simeon Wilson, Patricia Lane, if there were ever a catastrophic accident, how are residents supposed to evacuate the area if the pipeline crosses the one and only exit? People could potentially be trapped without any egress. Also, how will access to people's homes be maintained during construction?
- 4. Where is KM in its collocation conversation with Eversource (formerly PS&H)? We understand that "collocation" means "parallel to existing right of ways" and not "contained within existing right of ways". According to KM documents, zero feet of existing right of way will be used in the final path of the pipeline. Will more homeowners (other than the 66 previously identified) in Amherst be affected with the additional land needed for the project?
- 5. How does KM engage with Public Safety organizations (i.e. Police, Fire, EMS) in the towns its pipeline crosses? What types of support, e.g. financial, training, equipment, regular and emergency communications, etc) does KM provide to Public Safety providers? What municipal and public training does KM conduct to help educate municipal maintenance crews that may have the responsibility of working near the pipeline?