

Amherst Pipeline Taskforce Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 7:00PM

ATTENDEES: David Beach, Joe McCool, Amanda Jensen, Tiani Coleman, Gina Frey, John D'Angelo – Selectman, Eric Hahn, Paul Indeglia, Shannon Chandley, Reed Panasiti, JM Vore, Colin Lonsdale, Colleen Mailloux, Community Development Director.

R. Panasiti stated that he and S. Chandley had been working on the economic impact issues looking at whether there would be a regional benefit, any new jobs/industry created, fees and taxes paid to the town, possible reduction in tax burden. R. Panasiti stated that he is talking to mortgage and insurance companies to determine the impact on local property owners of having a transmission pipeline crossing their property.

T. Coleman discussed construction impacts/delays.

The senate energy committee is holding a hearing on March 25 in Concord.

A question was asked if the Town currently taxes the Liberty Utility distribution pipelines. Will ask the tax collector.

There was a discussion of the number of incidents with gas vs. propane.

J. McCool reviewed his draft paper on the Master Plan and Community Safety. J. McCool stated that his summaries reflect the route as currently proposed and feels that it conflicts with the Master Plan for the Town. The currently proposed route is flawed.

S. Chandley stated that an emergency response plan would be required.

A. Jensen suggested that any work papers produced by the taskforce should put things in terms that Kinder-Morgan/FERC would use... i.e. failsafe, system redundancies, etc.

Town could request training for anyone doing construction work in town, as 3rd party construction is one of the biggest potential safety issues. Nate Jensen is serving as the selectmen's representative on safety issues.

R. Panasiti stated that the taskforce needs to work to educate the residents on the project and the impacts that it will have on Amherst and to clear up any misconceptions.

J. D'Angelo stated that the Selectmen want to make an informed decision based upon the research of the taskforce.

C. Lonsdale stated that he is working on educational documents for the town.

P. Indeglia, G. Frey and members of the Conservation Commission are nearing completion of their environmental assessment which they expect to be released next week.

47 Public meeting with Kinder Morgan is scheduled for March 23. The taskforce will schedule a
48 meeting sometime after that KM meeting.
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50 Respectfully Submitted,

51 Colleen Mailloux

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