

Amherst Pipeline Taskforce Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 2015, 7:00PM

ATTENDEES: Colin Lonsdale, Jon Vore, David Beach, Joe McCool, Gina Frey, Paul Indeglia (ACC), Reed Panasiti – Selectman, John D’Angelo – Selectman, and two members of the public. Connecting by GoToMeeting were Amanda Jensen and Eric Hahn (NRPC Liaison)

J. D’Angelo welcomed the attendees.

The main topic of discussion was the draft second letter from the Selectmen to FERC and KM. All liked the draft; all agreed it was not ready to be submitted. Concerns were expressed that 1) sections of it were quite accusatory, 2) the tone of it was more adversarial than it needed to be, 3) that sending it in too soon might reduce KM’s motivation to select an alternative route through Amherst, since Amherst might then be perceived as hostile.

Amanda said she would incorporate the feedback received to-date and send out another draft. John said he would work on the tone of the document and add a less confrontational closing paragraph, then send it out for PTF review.

The PTF discussed three more documents that would be needed: 1) a Working Paper on NH energy production and consumption (Amanda to produce a draft), 2) a Working Paper/Letter from the Selectmen raising questions on the need for and appropriateness of the NED pipeline in its entirety (Colin to produce a draft), and 3) a “terms and conditions” draft Letter from the Selectmen spelling out Amherst’s preferences during pipeline construction. The last document would not be needed until construction was much closer, and should include all of Amherst’s requirements, e.g.:

- Acceptable hours (and days) for construction operations
- Safety related items (TBD) – Joe McCool has a preliminary document on this topic
- ACC environmental remediations as exemplified in the ACC Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment
- Some of the mitigations identified by the Milford PTF, e.g. concrete reinforcement when the pipeline passes under roadways. etc.
- HCA pipe thickness wherever possible,
- Bury pipe six feet, wherever possible,
- Bonds to remediate damage to roads in Amherst, Performance Bond(s) for remedial landscaping, redrilling water wells, and other items KM has not always been diligent about completing in a timely way, etc.

Agreement was reached that the PTF should continue to develop the draft second letter from the Selectmen, and once completed, hold it until KM responds to the concerns raised in our April 28 meeting. Other documents are to be developed as time permits.

The next PTF meeting date was set for May 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:30pm.