

**Amherst Pipeline Taskforce Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 28, 2015 – 7:00PM**

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

J. D'Angelo called the meeting to order. The goal for this evening is to discuss the document A. Jensen is preparing on NH energy resources, to finalize the second draft of the letter, and to discuss the document prepared by C. Lonsdale.

A. Jensen stated that she is preparing a very basic compilation of energy resources/plant profiles/PUC/NESCO. She will have time next week to work on the document.

McCool asked if KM has followed up since the meeting last month. Mailloux - no, just forwarded KM another version of the map annotated. D'Angelo will contact Lucas.

Jensen stated that FERC published a 64 page directive to KM. FERC has a new chair, and there appears to be a shift in the tone of their responses to KM's reports. Jensen - there are three assumptions between a pipeline showing up and electricity being available- build pipeline, commit to supply, connection to someone's home. McCool - "local" need is in Boston/MA - not New Hampshire. The group discussed NH's aging distribution infrastructure and energy needs.

Tiani- letter should clarify the policy statement citation to state that that current customers cannot subsidize the pipeline. We understand that these are not “current” customers and ratepayers subsidizing the pipeline is not acceptable, even if not technically in the form of a tariff. Discussion of tariff, passing along costs to potential new customers. D'Angelo will tighten up that section. D'Angelo - if rate payers wind up paying for this project in the end, it is another form of a tariff.

The BOS meets on the 8th. If the letter is signed by the BOS then, how to circulate? D'Angelo - copies to Federal reps, State Reps, Speaker, NH Senate president, press. Include a cover letter telling recipients why they are receiving it and what we want them to do. Fed reps - we are not certain it is needed in NH, unconstitutional taking of NH, ask them to urge FERC to do its job. Panasiti - will this seem arrogant? Want our federal reps to increase pressure on FERC. State message - state reps, speaker, pres of senate - ask them to urge NH PUC & SEC to be rigorous in its evaluation and ask governor to reconsider NH membership in NESCO.

Letter to governor and attorney general - ask them to urge PUC and SEC to be rigorous, question NESCO membership, ask AG if constitutional arguments have merit and if so will he work on behalf of the residents of NH?

The group discussed reviewing and scrubbing the letter to make sure there are no holes. Is the factual content solid? Hahn suggested that the "phony problem" section is the weakest argument in the letter and suggested reorganizing so the weakest point isn't raised first. Group decided preference to end strong.

Other updates - the June resource report is expected in July. Group discussed timing of presenting letter to BOS for signature and circulating. Will wait 1-2 weeks, work on tightening up letter. Consider sending either after the 8th or the 22nd. See if KM responds regarding alternate routes and another meeting. Decided to send letter no matter what, but timing will depend on KM response.

The group discussed Lonsdale's report. Discussion on putting a less depressing spin on the ending. End with "what can we do to make a change". Lonsdale - this is intended as an educational document. Discussed innovation, natural gas as a bridge fuel, federal policy to eliminate coal in support of natural gas. D'Angelo - initial charge of this group was 1) identify issues with this particular route through Amherst 2) determine if pipeline does not belong anywhere in Amherst 3) does not belong anywhere in NH 4) should not happen at all. The document addresses #4. Paul - part of the change needed is a change in National energy policy. Lonsdale will edit per the discussion.

The next taskforce meeting will be on June 17 at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15pm.