



TOWN OF GROTON

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TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE WORKING GROUP COMMITTEE

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Mark Haddad, Town Manager
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Meeting Date: September 21, 2015
Location: Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street, Groton
Members: Kevin Kelly, John Llodra, John Petropoulos, Peter Cunningham, Dennis Eklof
Attending advisor: Mark Haddad
Others: Stuart Schulman, Anna Eliot, Dawn Dunbar
Handouts: Agenda
July 27, 2015 draft minutes
How to Intervene on a Pipeline with FERC (from Dennis Eklof)

Kevin Kelly convened the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Peter Cunningham moved to approve the draft minutes from July 27, 2015. John Petropoulos seconded and the motion carried 3:0 (John Llodra abstained; Dennis Eklof and Peter Morrison absent).

John Petropoulos updated the group on his attendance at recent Kinder Morgan scoping meeting. Kevin Kelly attended as well as a representative of the Groton Electric Light Department. Both heard from Kinder Morgan officials in that meeting that if the preferred path moves out of New Hampshire and to a different route such as a return to the original Groton path, then scoping and other public processes would be started over again. At this point, Groton is not a target as it is not on the preferred path.

Dennis Eklof and Mark Haddad joined the meeting.

Dennis Eklof said that capital budgets for shale development have dramatically decreased. John Llodra observed that a number of companies with shale investments have large debts. Some may even enter bankruptcy.

Kevin Kelly proposed tabling all meetings unless the path changes and Groton is being considered for the path. Peter Cunningham and Dennis Eklof agreed with this idea. Dennis Eklof said that other larger organizations with larger budgets are continuing to review and in some cases oppose this project.

Anna Eliot enters the meeting.

The group continued its discussion regarding suspension of the Committee's working status. John Petropoulos recommended that the decision be taken in the form of a request to the Board of Selectmen.

Stuart Schulman enters the meeting.

September 21, 2015
Pipeline Working Group

John Petropoulos moved to request that the Board of Selectmen allow the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Working Group Committee to suspend work unless and until the Town of Groton becomes the preferred path. John Llodra seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Peter Morrison absent).

Mark Haddad asked for a memorandum from the Committee that memorializes this vote so that the Board of Selectmen can review that memorandum. Kevin Kelly agreed to send such a note to Mark Haddad's attention.

Dennis Eklof distributed a three page handout titled "How to Intervene on a Pipeline with FERC".

There is one final Kinder Morgan scoping meeting scheduled for Rindge, NH per Stuart Schulman, but Committee members declined to attend as the content of such meetings is repetitive and, again, Groton is on the preferred path.

John Petropoulos moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 pm. John Llodra seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Peter Morrison absent).

Notes by Fran Stanley