

Meeting Minutes for Pipeline Subcommittee of Northfield Board of Health

March 17, 2016

Meeting called to order: 6:05 PM

Attendees: Bob Dickerman, Judy Wolter, Steve Balog , Virginia (Jinx) Hastings, and guests Howard Hastings, Phil Baker.

Review and approval of minutes

Old Business

Judy brought Speck monitors to meeting to show and distribute to members. We used one to measure the PM2.5 particulate level in library meeting room; PM2.5 level measured around 300.0 ppl or 12.0 ug/m3 in library.

Jinx will ask Steve Roberto if he has completed his ethics test and submitted it to Town Office.

Jinx will talk with Matt at the Library and reserve this room for 1st and 3rd Thursdays through June.

We would like to get moving on a letter to the DPU concerning the HIA. Bob M. suggested he would do some homework concerning this, but he wasn't present. Bob D. will email him and see if he wants us to initial a draft of a letter.

Jinx has had contact with people in New Ipswich and Windsor, to have a group meeting. A suggested date is April 16, 2016, 1:-3: We don't have a specific agenda, but to hear what other groups are thinking about. We had other questions about lightning? What if a stray bullet hits an above ground pipeline area? The extent of ledge in our area? Major vs. Minor Plan? Native American sites? Windrose maps? Are potential compressor communities being ignored?

Jinx thought the vote concerning the town of Otis & article 97 was going to take place in March. Julia is expecting some information from Paul Mark concerning this.

We have questions about, if this proposed plant actually happens: Why can't we have electric turbines? Why can't we have a heat recovery system? What can't we have recovery of the gases from the blow downs and valves?

Bob D. has emailed Cristobal Bonifaz to ask if he will meet with BOH.

Judy had contact with Carolyn Petchler in Minisink. She said there were no tax benefits there, and that Minisink was one of the first communities that protested a compressor station. Some of the original residents have left Minisink to avoid the health impacts. It is important to persuade FERC. We are still thinking about a trip there.

Lisa Mccloughlin and Joe Graveline are working on historic and native American information, so we believe that we should not start a parallel effort, Bob D. will report this recommendation to Bob M.

Bob D. called Marc Simpson at MA DEP to ask "Who at MA DEP is working on TGP's application to MA DEP for a 'Non-Major Comprehensive Plan Approval for NED'?" and "How can I submit a comment on this application?". Bob asked because there seem to be problems in TGP's application regarding [quantities of air contaminants vs. regulations, and wind data / dispersion of contaminants] that he wants to comment on. Catherine Skiba returned his call and said that "TGP's application is on hold, not sure who put it on hold or why, you can call back to find out when it becomes active again, can call or email me (Catherine) with any questions, or to submit comments on application, which I (Catherine) will hold until application becomes active again."

Jinx will follow up with Martha R about Ray Bradley.

It is critical to attend the DPU meeting March 30 concerning KM TGP & for landowners to not allow any surveying.

New Business

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting

Phil Baker said that he is considering write-in run for BOH.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Next Meeting April 7, 2016

Respectfully submitted


