

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
September 27, 2016
Holderness Town Hall
Holderness, New Hampshire
Minutes

Members Present:

Max Stamp (Bristol); Dan Stack (Ashland); Dan Paradis (Bristol); Barry Draper (New Hampton); Carl Lehner (Holderness); Fred Gunter (Thornton); Leigh Sharps (Ashland); Kelly van Lingen (New Hampton).

Call to Order:

Chairman Max Stamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Dan Stack made a motion, seconded by Carl Lehner, to approve the August minutes. The motion carried with two abstentions from Kelly and Lee.

Northern Pass Transmission Apathy:

The general sense is that community interest is waning.

The Bristol selectmen recently held a meeting with public abutters to try to gather points for pre-trial testimony. They town has nine items against the Northern Pass and are seeking input from various committees. In addition, the town is part of an intervenor council with other towns. Fifteen people attended the selectmen meeting, with four people advocating and 11 neutral. The town will submit their pre-trial testimony on or before 11/15/16.

Northern Pass Review of "Technical Sessions":

Max Stamp and Gretchen and Barry Draper attended the following Technical Sessions at which NPT "experts" on subjects below were questioned by intervenor parties attending. These sessions were scheduled throughout the month of September. Barry and Max reviewed in detail their notes from these sessions. See synopsis of the following topics attached.

- System Stability/Reliability
- SAG Issue
- Safety/Health
- Financial
- Construction
- Project Economics/Marketing Benefits
- Environment Panel

Many of these sessions were not completed in the time allotted and will continue into October.

NPT Next Steps and Evaluation Committee Process Overview:

PRLAC submission of their Pre-Trial Testimony to the SEC is due by 11/15/16. Max requests members submit to him their thoughts/questions for our pre-trial hearing.

There are NPT offers of land in New Hampton, Concord, and other places to mitigate damage done by NPT during construction.

PRLAC Organization Options for 2017:

Funding - All towns except New Hampton and Thornton contributed \$250 each to PRLAC for 2016. PRLAC is currently sending out letters with requests for 2017 funding at \$300 per town to meet the continuing financial shortfalls.

Recruiting – With many members of the committee serving long terms on the committee, it is felt new/younger members are needed. Possibly narrowing the scope of the committee and reducing meeting schedules to quarterly versus monthly might be an option worth considering. Also, Max would like to explore the possibility of sharing responsibility of chairing future meetings.

Water Quality Testing:

Testing will cease until spring 2017.

Adjournment:

8:30 PM - made by Barry and seconded by Dan, all in favor

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. van Lingen