

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Selectmen present: Mark Le Doux, Frank Cadwell, Vahrij Manoukian and Peter Band

Selectmen absent: David Petry

Staff present: Troy Brown, Town Administrator

COMMUNITY ROOM

Chairman Le Doux convened the July 14, 2014, Selectmen's meeting at 7:07 PM in the Hollis Brookline Middle School Multi-Purpose Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Northeast Direct Energy Project, Alternative Routes

Chairman Mark Le Doux stood in front of the audience and welcomed all that attended. He welcomed Darrell Philpot, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Brookline New Hampshire.

At the last Hollis Board of Selectmen's meeting feedback from residents was requested regarding the Beaver Brook Presentation of alternative pipeline routes. M. Le Doux reported that sixty e-mails were sent to the Board and he responded to each and every one of them. The pipeline issue is a regional issue. M. Le Doux felt the issue was about whether or not Hollis supports having a gas pipeline installed through the community. He felt the question was if residents support the original proposed pipeline route. He gave an overview of community effort to preserve and protect land. He commended the stewardship of Beaver Brook leadership.

He gave an overview of the kind of company Kinder Morgan is. Brookline is a community of 5,000 people while Hollis has approximately 8,000. It is difficult for 13,000 people to go up against a large company with so much political and economic influence. He stated that debating the process surrounding natural gas is not why the Board is holding the Public Hearing although he agrees that it is a real problem.

Natural gas has been identified by the New England Governors as being of predominant importance for our energy security and future. The Board is trying to educate themselves as well as the public. The Board is working with an attorney to build a record so that they may push back with all of the leverage they have. The Board has held meetings and hearings and hundreds of people have attended to show for the record that it is just not one or two people in the community that is concerned.

Darrell Philpot, Chairman of the Brookline, NH Board of Selectmen, spoke to the audience about the process that Brookline New Hampshire is going through. He emphasized that this is not Hollis versus Brookline and Brookline is planning to work with Hollis and take a community approach.

M. Le Doux stated that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) exists for one purpose (relative to this discussion) and that is to license the construction and transmission of liquid fuel or natural gas through pipeline. He outlined the membership of the FERC. Once an applicant submits an application to the FERC (federal level) the matter then becomes a State matter. He outlined the calendar of events that occur after the initial filing at the FERC level. The application which includes the pipeline route is sent to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC). Senator Gilmour invited Timothy Drew, Public Information & Permitting Administrator for NHSEC to attend the June 23, 2014 Selectmen's meeting to explain the process. Mr. Drew confirmed that approximately 90% of applications are approved.

53 M. Le Doux stated that the Board is holding a meeting (non meeting with counsel) with Attorney
54 Robert Ciandella and all land use board members to discuss the next step in the process. He
55 announced that he is attending the Planning Board meeting the following night to discuss whether
56 or not a pipeline is even permitted in Hollis. M. Le Doux apologized for asking for a show of
57 hands last week to show a preference of route. He wanted to get a sense of the audience to
58 determine if anyone was in favor of the original proposed pipeline route. There was no support of
59 the original pipeline route during that meeting. Tonight, Beaver Brook will once again put a slide
60 up on the screen to show the three alternative routes that they are proposing.

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62 Mark Le Doux asked that anyone wishing to speak clearly state their name and address. He also
63 asked everyone to answer two questions to assist the Board with building the record.

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65 1. Do you support a natural gas pipeline in our community or in the general region?
66 2. Do you prefer the original route (Kinder Morgan) or redirecting the installation to a public
67 right of way? M. Le Doux stated that answering the question is based on the premise of the
68 FERC approving the application for the pipeline project

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70 The chairman opened the public hearing.

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72 **Stephen Spaulding, 32 Fletcher Lane, (Q1-no, Q2-no)**

73 He thanked Beaver Brook and felt that they did a thoughtful job of discharging their
74 responsibility to represent their interest and protect their conservation easements. He supports
75 Beaver Brook. He sincerely would like to see Beaver Brook spared from the devastation of the
76 pipeline project. He recapped the history of how this project came to be. He felt that Kinder
77 Morgan was the only entity that would benefit from this project. He felt that this is bad energy
78 policy. He did not believe that Beaver Brook, Hollis Selectmen or Brookline Selectmen could
79 stop the pipeline company. He was thankful for the help though. The only way to stop the
80 pipeline from being installed through the community (inclusive of surrounding towns) is to stop
81 the project altogether.

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83 He was at Breton Woods yesterday where there were five of the six governors meeting across the
84 street (Maine governor did not attend) to discuss various regional issues including energy. He
85 urged each and every resident to barrage the governors and congressional delegation with their
86 opinions.

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88 **Geoff Loftus, 38 Fletcher Lane, (Q1-no, Q2-yes)**

89 G. Loftus answered question 2, under the assumption that the pipeline is permitted. He stated that
90 when Kinder Morgan knocked on his door last fall, he was shocked and a little confused. He
91 figured there must be a well reasoned plan as to the use of the gas and the location. G. Loftus
92 referenced an internal document dated November 1, 2013 from Liberty Utilities /Energy North. It
93 is their integrated resource plan and is available online. It states that 56% of the gas that will run
94 through it will replace what currently runs from Dracut, MA to Concord, NH in an existing
95 pipeline, 37% of it will be used to replace gas that leaks out of Nashua and Manchester storage
96 facilities and 7% is for potential growth in use. Some of the 7% will be used for residential
97 heating. If the vast majority of the natural gas will be used to replace what is used in Concord,
98 NH or repair leaks in Manchester, shouldn't the gas company be obligated to fix the infrastructure
99 or run a supplementary pipeline from Dracut, Ma to Concord, NH. He questioned why the
100 pipeline is running through Hollis, NH. He felt his point is worth pushing in the position that the
101 Board stake and he respectfully asked them to do so.

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103 **Bernadette Chiccino, 148 Witches Spring Road, (Q1-no, Q2-yes)**

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105 Dave Tiffany, Wright Road, (Q1-no, Q2-yes)

106 D. Tiffany feels that the pipeline project should be stopped, first and foremost. If there is a Plan
107 B, then alternative routes are an option. He feels the Town is doing a good job but needs to
108 expend more energy fighting the pipeline project altogether. In Massachusetts, all towns have
109 united to stop the pipeline altogether and are protesting. He read an article in the Union Leader
110 last week that other pipelines are being proposed into New England and New Hampshire. Spectra
111 Energy is proposing a pipeline that will expand capacity of their existing pipe lines within their
112 current right of way. There are three different pipeline proposals right now and Northern pass. He
113 does not believe we need all of these projects to overcome the electricity production shortfall. He
114 wondered if this could be a lever or rationale that there are already three pipeline proposals. He
115 questioned why the Kinder Morgan pipeline is needed. The Kinder Morgan pipeline project
116 should be denied because it takes new right of way.
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118 **Bernard Mizula, 21 Fletcher Lane, B.** Mizula thanked the Board for holding the public hearing.
119 He has been involved with disaster response and environmental and emergency management for
120 nineteen years. He is a recognized as an expert in the field and has been involved in every disaster
121 from September 11th through the recent hurricane in New York. He felt that the facts do not
122 matter. His neighbors and other fellow residents have very good facts but the facts will go on deaf
123 ears. Historically politicians and the companies looking to steal land do not care about the facts.
124 He feels the community needs to band together. He felt this is a case where the simple answer is
125 no. No because he has neighbors that will have land stolen from them. No because it is coming
126 down his street and neighborhood. As for the alternative routes, he said no because it will still
127 come through Hollis and just impact someone else. Hollis is a community that fights and should
128 just say no.
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130 James Squires, Pepperell Road, (Q1-no, Q2-yes)

131 J. Squires would like more discussion and understanding of the energy future for the State. It is
132 clear that the Northern Pass project is in trouble. Water is the best way to produce electricity, in
133 his opinion. He would like a better grasp of the overall problem in the region. He would like to
134 know what happens if there are no additives to the energy supply going forward. We owe it to the
135 future to look ahead as a State and determine if we have enough.
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137 Arialla Perry, 7 Tucker Street, Pepperell, Ma, (Q1-no, Q2-yes)

138 She opposed a pipeline in any of the communities. If a pipeline is approved and must be installed,
139 she would choose an existing right of way.
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141 **Veronica Karl, 68 Meadow Road, Townsend, Ma, Townsend Conservation Land Trust,**
142 **Trustee,** V. Karl stated that the Townsend Conservation Land Trust does not have as much land
143 as Beaver Brook and they also do not have deep pockets. The main pipeline goes through two of
144 the properties in the Townsend Conservation land Trust. She has spent a lot time writing letters
145 and working with other organizations to stop the pipeline. Last week she learned that Beaver
146 Brook created alternate routes to keep the pipeline off of Beaver Brook property. It never
147 occurred to her or her Board to do that. She does not want the pipeline at all not even on existing
148 rights of way. The blue line alternative #1 crosses her property. She questioned why anyone
149 would ever think it would be better to re route the pipeline than to stop it. She would like to see
150 the Hollis Board of Selectmen take the time to talk with other conservation groups and other
151 Board of Selectmen that have been fighting the pipeline to find a way to stop it. The pipeline
152 should not go through either conservation land or private property.
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154 Celia McAllister, 257 Wheeler Road (Q1-no, Q2-yes)

155 C. McAllister is opposed to the pipeline. If the community is forced to have the pipeline then she
156 would prefer an existing right of way.

157 **Rob Chesebrough, 27 Fletcher Lane (Q1-no, Q2-no)**

158 R. Chesebrough stated that the Maritimes and Northeast pipeline was built fourteen years ago. It
159 was an import pipeline coming down from Canada to feed New England. R. Chesebrough held up
160 a map that had been published by Kinder Morgan of their proposed route. The map showed an
161 export pipe instead of an import pipe. He felt that Kinder Morgan is suggesting that New England
162 fixes the shortage problem by exporting gas to Canada. He stated that Kinder Morgan is going to
163 use eminent domain to take American property from American citizens to export natural gas to
164 Canada. He asked the Board of Selectmen to please say no. He asked Hollis residents to also help
165 them fight the pipeline and say no. He asked New Hampshire Representatives to say no and stop
166 the pipeline.

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168 **Bill Hawe, Black Oak Drive**

169 B. Hawe stated that the proposed pipeline routes do not cross his property. He has lived in Town
170 for 20 years and this is the first time that he has spoke at a meeting. He stated that he is not going
171 to answer the two questions. He felt the questions were false choices and straw men. He gave an
172 example of what kind of questions he might be willing to answer. He felt the choices were false
173 choices. The Board was asking him if he supported the pipeline going through Beaver Brook or
174 his neighbor's yard. He did not think the pipeline would be installed down Route 122.

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176 B. Hawe disagreed with residents that answered the Board's question if the Town is forced to
177 have the pipeline, He felt that residents can do something more and ask the Board of Selectmen to
178 stop the project. The pipeline is for export and not for residential use. B. Hawe was disappointed
179 that a straw poll vote was taken at the last Selectmen's meeting without providing due notice to
180 the people affected by the alternative routes. He pointed out that he receives a certified letter from
181 land use boards for anything affecting his property. B. Hawe asked the Board if they send out a
182 letter to anyone for that meeting. M. Le Doux stated that the Planning Board is meeting tomorrow
183 night to discuss the pipeline. The Board of Selectmen has written and mailed multiple letters to
184 Kinder Morgan for the parcel information. B. Hawe stated that he has read the letters. M. Le
185 Doux stated that the Board has not sent out letters. The Board has held three public
186 hearings/meetings which are for everyone in the community. B. Hawe agreed.

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188 B. Hawe would like the Selectmen, prior to holding any vote at a meeting, to send out letters to
189 all parcel owners on Beaver Brook's alternative route. B. Hawe did not believe that Beaver Brook
190 sent out any letters. M. Le Doux stated that the first time the Board saw the proposed alternative
191 routes was last Monday night. The Board is trying to gather public information and share it with
192 the attorney in the form of a very sophisticated series of documents involving the Planning Board
193 and Public Hearings. The Board is trying to ascertain the information below.

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197 right of way? M. Le Doux stated that answering the question is based on the premise of the
198 FERC approving the application for the pipeline project
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200 M. Le Doux stated that on the advice of their attorney, the Board is asking those two specific
201 questions. B. Hawe understood but asked the Board to stop taking straw polls on false questions
202 and stop the pipeline at the State level. He asked the Board to make the Governor take a stand.
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204 **Kat McGhee, 257 Silver Lake Road, (Q1-no)**

205 K. McGhee stated that question 2 was a false question. When considering whether or not the
206 pipeline should run through conservation land or farm land it is all just as devastating.
207 The FERC process penalizes the applicant for choosing a densely populated route versus open
208 space. K. McGhee stated that her support depends on which right of way the route runs through.

209 If it is in front of the elementary school or on Silver Lake Road (dense population) she would
210 oppose it.

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212 K. McGhee felt that the State should be the authority that should determine the appropriate right
213 of way for the route if necessary. K. McGhee has been researching New Hampshire's energy
214 strategy. The Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) just completed a one year study about the
215 State's energy strategy. K. McGhee gave a brief overview of the study to the Board. She urged
216 the Board to educate themselves. K. McGhee stated that citizens understand when they need to do
217 something for the greater good. She believes that Hollis, Brookline and Massachusetts residents
218 are willing to do their part. She feels that people are upset because the project does not make
219 sense and their leaders are not responding to the fact that there is a lot to look at and things are
220 being swept up real quick. M. Le Doux explained the responsive path that the Board of Selectmen
221 is taking. P. Band reiterated M. Le Doux's comments. P. Band stated that the Town's attorney
222 advised the Board that going through the land use board process will carry significant weight in
223 the State's decision making process. The meetings are open to public and P. Band encouraged
224 residents to attend every meeting.

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226 K. McGhee explained her process of trying to determine how to influence the process. She also
227 announced that there is a public comment period (now through July 25th) to comment on the OEP
228 energy strategy report she spoke of earlier. She stated that the State is listening but people need to
229 speak. She encouraged everyone to attend. K. McGhee agreed to send the study link to the Board.

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231 **Brian Raider, Mason Road, Brookline, NH (Q1-no)**

232 B. Raider would like to speak prior to answering the second question. He is concerned about the
233 general discussions of rights of way. The pros and cons should be discussed for each of the three
234 proposed routes. B. Raider stated that there are four alternative routes but he is only familiar with
235 the route being proposed on Route 13. He explained that it didn't matter which side of Route 13 a
236 pipeline was installed, it would have a significant negative impact. He feels that when considering
237 approval of a route, minimizing the safety impacts should be a priority. Although he is
238 conservation minded, he believes that if the pipeline is forced to go through the community it
239 should be installed on conservation land. He is concerned about discussing routes because he
240 would like to see everyone in the region, very loudly, proclaim that the safety concerns outweigh
241 any benefit from the pipeline. He felt that the FERC has rejected applications in the past relative
242 to safety. He feels that the community needs to make that argument.

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244 **Marilyn Learner, 62 Baxter Road, (Q1-no, Q2-no)**

245 M. Learner stated that she was opposed to the fractured gas pipeline. She thinks that fracked gas
246 is supposed to be a bridge fuel and they are building a permanent infrastructure for what is
247 supposed to be a temporary solution until the renewable energy plan is in place. She answered no
248 to both questions because a fractured gas pipeline does not belong anywhere. She feels that the
249 project is a waste of money and a bad plan. She hopes everyone, with the Board of Selectmen as
250 their voice, stands up and says no. Liberty Utilities should have to go to Plan B and fix their
251 pipes. The Town should not have to have a Plan B.

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253 **Robin Nelson, 9 Fletcher Lane**

254 R. Nelson built her home in 2007. She has five family members that live in Hollis. Her husband's
255 family has had land in Hollis since the late 1700's. R. Nelson has been researching natural gas
256 and finds it very scary. The fact that the pipeline company does fly over checks does not give her
257 any comfort regarding safety. She stated that there have been six accidents alone since May.
258 She confirmed that the Brookline Board of Selectmen took the position of No.
259 She asked if the Hollis Board will take a position. M. Le Doux stated that the Board will take a
260 position.

261 The Board has been advised by their attorney to get feedback from the Planning Board and other
262 land use boards and then hold another Public Hearing to announce their position.
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264 **Chris Hyde, 16 Arbor Lane (Q1-no, Q2-yes)**

265 C. Hyde stated that if the pipeline is approved, he prefers rights of way to the public taking of
266 property. If it is installed on roads it will need to be centerline and not on private property.
267 C. Hyde stated no to a pipeline on Beaver Brook land. C. Hyde wanted to take a few straw polls.
268 He asked the audience to authorize the Selectmen (with a vote) to enter into cross border
269 (Massachusetts and surrounding communities) collaborative arrangements seeking to protect the
270 Town's interest. He would like the Board to push back on Kinder Morgan with a larger impact.
271 C. Hyde polled the audience and the majority was in favor. B. Hawe asked C. Hyde how the
272 Board will enter into such arrangements when they have yet to take a position. C. Hyde felt the
273 audience at the meeting is giving the Board input. C. Hyde asked the audience the same question
274 about the Senate and State Representatives.
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276 C. Hyde felt that everyone needs to push much harder on the Governor, Executive Council, SEC
277 and the Office of Energy and Planning. It needs to be clear that Hollis is not a lay down and roll
278 over town. C. Hyde took another straw poll asking the audience if they would like to see the
279 Senate and State Representatives engaged actively on the Town's behalf to push back on the
280 pipeline project. C. Hyde stated that the vote looked almost unanimous. C. Hyde hoped the Board
281 continued to fight and hoped the Town is successful stopping the project.
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283 **Jack Flanagan, Brookline,**

284 J. Flanagan stated that he is going to hold back his opinion because he is a representative. He was
285 going to provide the audience and the Board with some facts. He stated that New Hampshire is a
286 net exporter of electricity. New Hampshire does not need the electricity. New Hampshire does
287 need, in the winter time, because everyone is switched over to natural gas, an abundance of
288 natural gas to keep electric rates down. He felt that this is the reason that natural gas is being
289 brought in and also why all of the governors are supporting it. He also stated that PSNH uses
290 coal, fossil fuels and other sources including natural gas. PSNH can turn the coal plant on when
291 the temperatures are very cold because the price of natural gas goes up. When the price of natural
292 gas goes up, the price of energy goes up.
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294 J. Flanagan agreed that evaluating the energy need for the future is important. He also felt that the
295 path of least resistance for Kinder Morgan is Beaver Brook. J. Flanagan felt that the numbers 90
296 and 10 are key numbers. Chairman Le Doux stated earlier that 90% of the projects are approved
297 by FERC. He felt that everyone needs to look at the 10% that are not approved. He mentioned
298 that nobody likes taxes but if we tax the natural gas that is being exported out of State, it might
299 take away the benefit to the supplier.
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301 **Theresa Sengstaken, 98 Federal Hill Road, (Q1-no)**

302 T. Sengstaken is opposed to Kinder Morgan building the pipeline. She stated that their own
303 stockholders are suing them for lack of maintenance. There is currently a court hearing going on
304 in Houston. She asked the Board to forward the information to the Town's attorney to research.
305 Based on the Seabrook project and the estimated cost being two million dollars and the actual
306 cost of building one reactor was five million dollars, she doubted the estimation for the amount
307 they will charge consumers to build the pipeline will be accurate. She had no confidence. In
308 Massachusetts, they are currently looking at changing the right of way, which if occurred the
309 pipeline would avoid Hollis or Brookline. The Board should take a look at that. She asked if the
310 Board could join with other groups (political, conservationist and even Bill Cosby) to start a
311 media campaign. She felt the Town should invite everyone especially the media.
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313 **Mary Crawford, 23 Fieldstone Drive (Q1-no, Q2-yes)**

314 M. Crawford opposes the pipeline. If the pipeline is approved and must be installed then she
315 prefers the public right of way.

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317 **John Woodrow, 204 Worcester Road (Q1-no, Q2-no)**

318 J. Woodrow is opposed to the pipeline going through Beaver Brook. He stated that based on
319 comments made during the meeting, he opposes the pipeline being installed in the right of way.
320 The right of way is not for the taking but is most likely someone's property. He can't imagine a
321 thoroughfare being built through the community. He also stated that if they built a thoroughfare
322 for the 16" pipe, it would only be a matter of time before they came back to install a 36" pipeline.
323 J. Woodrow remembered Kinder Morgan saying that they only build the pipeline based on the
324 demand. The Liberty utilities representative was evasive about the demand. J. Woodrow asked
325 the Board to investigate what the demand is. He thanked the Board of Selectmen for the open
326 forum and Beaver Brook for bringing options. He would like to fight the pipeline.

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328 **Jim Belanger, 32 Plain Road (Q1-no, Q2-yes)**

329 J. Belanger stated that he is also a state representative. J. Belanger does not understand why
330 people think that State Representatives have all this power especially enough to stop something
331 like this pipeline. J. Belanger has received many calls and he can't do anything more than the
332 Board of Selectmen is doing. He stated that he knows that the Board of Selectmen is doing
333 everything within their power to stop this. He stated that the Senator and State Representatives
334 have influence but not enough to change laws fast enough to stop the pipeline project. They are
335 able to get State Officials to attend Board meetings, which they have done. They are not able to
336 contact members of the SEC because that would be considered coercion. He gave quite of few
337 examples of phone calls that were very different regarding where the pipeline could be installed.
338 J. Belanger stated that he is against the pipeline and also against having it in Hollis. He is doing
339 everything he can to defeat it.

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341 **Carolyn Gargas, 127 North Pepperell Road**

342 C. Gargas stated that she is also a state representative. C. Gargas stated that she was at the
343 meeting to listen to residents. She wanted to update everyone on the passage of Senate Bill 245.
344 The bill was signed by the Governor last Friday and makes changes to the Site Evaluation
345 Committee (SEC). She stated that there are many changes to the SEC including the composition
346 of the Committee. She highly recommends that everyone read the bill. C. Gargas is very hopeful
347 that passage of the bill will have a positive effect for the community.

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349 M. Le Doux stated that Senate Bill 245 was also discussed at length with Timothy Drew, Public
350 Information & Permitting Administrator for the NH Site Evaluation Committee during the June
351 23, 2014 Selectmen's meeting. M. Le Doux stated that one of the key attributes of the bill is that
352 the SEC must now consider alternative routes. Beaver Brook has gone forward and hired an
353 engineer to create alternative routes that are suitable for them. He stated that the Board could also
354 hire an engineer to create alternative routes using the input from all of the public hearings.

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356 **Herb Gardner, 80 South Merrimack Road (Q1-no, Q2-yes)**

357 H. Gardner felt that Washington politicians were paid off long ago and they created FERC. He
358 stated that the further you move the point of control from an action the greater you reduce the
359 accuracy of the control. He felt that local control was the best because locals know the
360 surroundings. Hollis has spent millions to protect various properties. He referenced a statement
361 made earlier that at least 87% of capacity is to repair leaks. Kinder Morgan has already presented
362 a proposed route. The Town does not need alternative routes and should be hammering on the
363 original route. He opposes a new pipeline because there are existing pipelines that need upgrading
364 and not relocating.

365 He stated that as far as a pipeline being installed on a right of way, Route 3 is the right of way
366 that the pipeline should be installed. The rail trail from Nashua to Pepperell is also a right of way
367 that is graded and better than some of the alternatives. H. Gardner encouraged the Board to
368 pursue that direction. H. Gardner stated that he gave up millions of dollars of development
369 potential to protect some DNA. He stated that the Town may have a shot at the State level but no
370 shot at the Federal level. Everyone needs to recognize that fact and concentrate efforts where the
371 Town can do some damage.

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373 **Andy Webb, 13 Colburn Lane, (Q1-no, Q2-no)**

374 A. Webb was opposed to the pipeline being installed anywhere. Beaver Brook and the residents
375 of Fletcher Lane have done so much research to uncover facts about the pipeline. Nobody else is
376 sharing information because it is uncomfortable information. The facts show that it is
377 uncomfortable and it is not a necessary project to benefit the public good in the community. The
378 volume of fuel being discussed for new use in the community does not justify what is being
379 proposed. The existing facilities can be repaired, expanded and extended.

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381 He is completely opposed to the pipeline. He mentioned that he is against the large pipeline
382 installed in Massachusetts as well as how they are getting the fuel. He dislikes the false economy
383 surrounding natural gas due to not accounting for wastewater and the taking of water. He
384 questions the logic of trying to address peaking costs of electricity, during some winters, against
385 constant cost of tariffs on the electric bill every month. He wondered what the real peaking cost
386 is. He would rather pay a little more each month for times of demand.

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388 **Dave Maloney, Pierce Lane (Q1-**

389 D. Maloney stated that if the FERC decides that the Beaver Brook route is not cost effective, they
390 will do whatever they want. They will choose the original route without care and the Board will
391 have no say in the matter. He acknowledged that fact. Re-routing efforts is to be applauded. The
392 Town's effort to build a record is to be applauded. The environmental defense funds effort to try
393 and regulate the fracking process is to be applauded. All of these efforts condone the pipeline and
394 its build-out and that is where they provide a false objective. He felt that everyone is getting on
395 the bandwagon. There are many reasons being given like America will be free from foreign oil
396 dependency. The reasons are all predicated on the idea that gas is going to be cheap and low
397 priced for a long time into the future. This is what he believes are false choices. He stated that we
398 already have an over dependence on natural gas. Increase of the pipeline will create artificial
399 market demand for natural gas and long term contracts. Reserves are not endless supplies. The
400 shale plays could peak by the time the pipeline is completed in 2018.

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402 He stated that renewable energy will be competing pricewise with natural gas around 2018. He
403 gave his opinion of what exporting gas will do to the local market. He felt that there are other
404 ways to meet the demand. He felt that there was no need for additional pipelines when the
405 existing pipelines can be expanded. He wondered why liquid natural gas is not being worked on
406 so that it may be used in peak times. He gave many options to solve the problem including
407 expansion of energy star, energy audit programs and energy conservation. He stated that it was
408 well known that these are the most cost effective ways to reduce demand for energy consumption.
409 He wondered why we were thinking about pipeline instead of redirecting fuels to renewable
410 energy infrastructure. He talked about greenhouse targets. He felt the gas companies target is to
411 expand the pipeline and infrastructure at the expense of renewable energy. He feels it is a political
412 play that privatizes profits and socializes cost.

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414 **Peggy Gilmour, 126 Depot Road (Q1-n)**

415 P. Gilmour stated that she represents Hollis in the State Senate.

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417 She has opposed the project since its outset. P. Gilmour supports the process the Board of
418 Selectmen is taking. She is a self proclaimed pragmatist but feels that simply saying no to the
419 pipeline project will fall in that 90% category with little success. She feels that taking the time to
420 gather information, hearing from the people that will be impacted and the people throughout the
421 region and building a strong and logical regulatory case for the Town will have a greater chance
422 of success. Senator Gilmour thanked the Board and stated that they should do as much as possible
423 to create a strong and viable case.
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425 **Maura Loftis, 38 Fletcher Lane (Q-1-no, Q-2no)**

426 M. Loftus echoed Senator Gilmour's statements. M. Loftus opposes the pipeline coming through
427 Hollis anywhere. It does not matter if it goes through preservation land, private land or a right of
428 way on a Town road it will affect all residents. It will affect residents financially as well as health
429 and safety. She stated that it is not acceptable anywhere in Town. She urged the Board to hire an
430 engineer to create another alternative with the sole priority of human life. She asked the Board to
431 please protect the residents of Hollis. She felt their safety could not be measured by a dollar
432 amount. She felt that Kinder Morgan's route is most likely based on what is the least expensive
433 and will generate the most profit. She asked what if the pipeline leaks and stated that a price
434 cannot be put on human life. She felt that every resident needs to support stopping the pipeline
435 whether they live on the proposed route or not.
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437 **Craig Jones, 73 Irene Drive (Q1-no)**

438 C. Jones does not support the pipeline but also agreed that at some point there will be energy
439 needs in five, ten or thirty years. He urged the Board to research as much data as possible and get
440 all of the facts. He mentioned a pipeline in Maine (north of Augusta on 201) that went down the
441 middle of the street even though it cost more money.
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443 M. Le Doux stated that no amount of sophistry on the Board's part is going to change what
444 Kinder Morgan, FERC and the Governor intends to do but a remarkable case was built tonight.
445 Most people do not support a pipeline in the community or see any benefit. The Board takes their
446 oath of office very seriously. He stated that under no circumstance is the Board going to allow
447 external forces to come in and take away people's private property, spoil conservation land and
448 threaten the safety of people without a fight. The Board is going to conduct a study to evaluate
449 the impact of eminent domain on the reduction of the value of personal property. He explained
450 the possible tax burden to all residents by the loss of 100 million dollars in assessed value of the
451 affected properties. He mentioned that many homes have mortgage covenants that prohibit the
452 transportation of fossil fuels underground. M. Le Doux assured the audience that when the
453 Selectmen unfold their strategy in the public and with the press, they will be spending time in
454 Washington, New York and Concord to get the message out.
455

456 Chairman Mark Le Doux closed the public hearing and thanked everyone from coming.
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458 **NEW /OLD BUSINESS**

459 **1. Boston Post Cane**

460 The Board stated that Frederick S. Townsend is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane. He is 102
461 years old and the father of Barbara Townsend, former Town Tax Collector and current Town
462 Treasurer. Unfortunately Mr. Townsend suffered an accident and broke his arm. The Board will
463 hold a ceremony to award the cane at a later date that works for the family.
464

465 **2. NH Wood & Energy Council Services Agreement**

466 T. Brown stated that the Energy Committee applied for a grant.
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468 The grant is 100% funding for a preliminary assessment of all town and school buildings to

469 determine if it is economically feasible to convert heating systems to a wood chip system. No tax
470 impact.
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472 *MOVED by Vahrij Manoukian seconded by Peter Band that the Selectmen authorize the Energy*
473 *Committee to enter into an agreement with the NH Wood & Energy Council, as submitted. Voting*
474 *in favor of the motion were Le Doux, Manoukian, Band and Cadwell. No one was opposed. The*
475 *motion PASSED 4-0-0.*
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477 3. Residential Fire Sprinkler Petition

478 The Board received a citizen petition. The petitions would change the mandatory code for
479 installation of Residential Fire Sprinklers to optional. The Board decided to send the petition to
480 counsel for legal review. The Board would like input from the Fire Chief.
481

482 4. Old Home Days Sign Request

483 *MOVED by Vahrij Manoukian seconded by Frank Cadwell that the Selectmen approve the Old*
484 *Home Days sign request, as submitted. Voting in favor of the motion were Le Doux, Manoukian,*
485 *Band and Cadwell. No one was opposed. The motion PASSED 4-0-0.*
486

487 ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

488 1. Assessing / Tax Collection

489 Abatements

490 The below listed abatements have been recommended for approval by MRI:

491 Case #	492 MBLU	493 Owner	494 Location	495 Amount to be 496 Abated (with interest)
497 2013-023	035-053	Jie Yuan	6-1 Colburn Ln	\$352.35
498 2013-035	008-032	Hong & Heli Yu	41 Baldwin Ln	\$3,282.05
499 2013-040	059-014	Mezник Family Rev. Trust	48 Federal Hill Rd	\$451.84
500 2013-042	045-041	436 SLR LLC	436 Silver Lake Rd	\$3,715.24
501 2013-044	051-001	Carlton & Michelle Dufoe	19 Richardson Rd	\$709.89

502 **TOTAL to be refunded: \$8,511.37**

503 *MOVED by Peter Band, seconded by Vahrij Manoukian that the Selectmen approve the*
504 *abatement for Case # 2013-023, 2013-035, 2013-040, 2013-042 & 2013-044 a total refunded*
505 *amount of \$8,511.37 as recommended by Municipal Resources Inc. Voting in favor of the motion*
506 *were Le Doux, Manoukian, Band and Cadwell. No one was opposed. The motion PASSED 4-0-0.*
507

508 2. Approval of Warrants

509 a. Employee Reimbursements - 7/1/14 (\$71,307.63)

510 *MOVED by Peter Band seconded by Vahrij Manoukian that the Selectmen approve the*
511 *employee reimbursement warrant as submitted. Voting in favor of the motion were Le*
512 *Doux, Cadwell, Band and Manoukian. No one was opposed. The motion PASSED 4-0-0.*
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514 b. Wages – 7/1/14 (\$148,884.29)

515 *MOVED by Peter Band seconded by Vahrij Manoukian that the Selectmen approve the*
516 *wages as submitted. Voting in favor of the motion were Le Doux, Manoukian, Band and*
517 *Cadwell. No one was opposed. The motion PASSED 4-0-0.*
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519 c. Accounts Payable – 6/30/14 (\$3,293,591.24)

520 *MOVED by Peter Band seconded by Frank Cadwell that the Selectmen approve the*
521 *accounts payable warrant, as submitted. Voting in favor of the motion were Le Doux,*
522 *Band and Cadwell. Manoukian was opposed. The motion PASSED 3-1-0.*

523 3. Weekly Meetings and Announcements

522 Frank Cadwell announced the board and committee meetings for the week of July 13, 2014 – July
523 19, 2014.

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525 The Board encouraged everyone to attend the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, July 15,
526 2014.

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528 The Board of Selectmen is holding a non meeting with Counsel on Thursday, July 17, 2017 along
529 with Board and Committee members.

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531 **4. Approval Public Minutes 6/23/14 & 7/7/14**

532 *MOVED by Vahrij Manoukian seconded by Frank Cadwell that the Selectmen approve the public*
533 *minutes of Monday, June 23, 2014 as submitted. Voting in favor of the motion were Le Doux,*
534 *Cadwell, Band and Manoukian. No one was opposed. The motion PASSED 4-0-0.*

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536 *MOVED by David Petry seconded by Peter Band that the Selectmen approve the public minutes*
537 *of Monday, July 7, 2014 as submitted. Voting in favor of the motion were Le Doux, Band and*
538 *Manoukian. No one was opposed. Cadwell abstained. The motion PASSED 3-0-1.*

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540 **ADJOURNMENT:**

541 *MOVED by Vahrij Manoukian seconded by Peter Band that the Selectmen adjourn. Voting in*
542 *favor of the motion were Le Doux, Cadwell, Band and Manoukian. No one was opposed. The*
543 *motion PASSED 4-0-0.*

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545 The Board adjourned at 9:00PM.

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547 Respectfully submitted,

548 Kimberly Dogherty, Asst. Town Administrator