



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

4-Town Pipeline Working Group

Date:	November 30, 2015
Time:	3:30 p.m.
Location:	JWO Transit Center, 12 Olive Street, Greenfield, MA
Duration:	1-1/2 hour
Facilitator:	Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director/ Peggy Sloan, Planning Director

Attendees:

- Tracy Rogers, Town of Northfield
- Joe Strzegowski, Town of Conway
- Rich Kuklewicz, Town of Montague
- Brian Noble, Town of Northfield
- Carolyn Elefant, Attorney (by videoconferencing)

Staff:

- Peggy Sloan, Planning Director
- Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director

1 – Introductions

L. Dunlavy called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A round of introductions followed.

2 – Review and Discussion of KM-TGP Application, Intervenor Status Requests & FERC EIS process with Attorney Carolyn Elefant

C. Elefant reviewed the FERC process including what to include in an Intervenor Request and when to file a request with FERC. C. Elefant advised towns to file Intervenor requests after FERC has determined that the Application meets their requirements. The Application was submitted on November 20, 2015 and FERC has 10 business days to make that determination. Requests for Intervenor status should also outline deficiencies that towns have identified in the Application to the extent possible. Once the Application is accepted and “Noticed” by FERC there is typically only a 21 calendar day period for submitting Intervenor Requests. Discussion followed regarding deficiencies of the Application.

3 – Discussion of KM-TGP Road Information Request to Towns

B. Noble shared the Road Crossing Information Request from KM submitted to Northfield. Towns need assistance to determine a policy for road use and to identify appropriate levels for bonds to ensure that local roads, bridges and other infrastructure are repaired if damaged during construction of the pipeline. B. Noble suggested that a Special Study could address this.

4 – Discussion of Potential Special Studies

Town representatives discussed potential Special Studies to undertake with the \$25,000 available in the budget. Four potential studies were identified as follows:

1. Local Road & Infrastructure Impacts & Performance Bonds
2. Aquifer/ Ground Water Impacts from Pipeline Construction and Operation
3. Air Quality Impacts and Assessment of Proposed Air Quality Modeling
4. Assessment of Noise Impacts and Study to establish Baseline Noise conditions.

Town representatives requested that a Scope of Work be prepared for the first two studies given the limited budget.

5 –Next Meeting Date/Other Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting/Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.