



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Regional Pipeline Advisory Committee

Date:	July 28, 2015
Time:	3:30 p.m.
Location:	JWO Transit Center, 12 Olive Street, Greenfield, MA
Duration:	1 hour
Facilitator:	Linda Dunlavy, FRCOG Executive Director and Peggy Sloan, Planning Director

Attendees:

- Meg Burch, Town of Conway
- Ariel Elan, Town of Montague
- Carolyn Shores Ness, Town of Deerfield
- Brian Noble, Town of Northfield
- Roy Rosenblatt, Town of Montague
- Tracy Rogers, Town of Northfield
- Joe Strzegowski, Town of Conway
- Tom Miner, Franklin Regional Planning Board

Staff:

- Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director
- Peggy Sloan, Planning Director
- Gretchen Johnson, Planning Grant Administrator

1 – Introductions and Review of July 13, 2015 Meeting Notes: Linda Dunlavy

L. Dunlavy, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. A round of introductions followed. P. Sloan stated that the July 13, 2015 meeting notes are not ready for review yet.

2 – Review and Discussion of Draft Study/Information Requests: L. Dunlavy and P. Sloan, FRCOG

L. Dunlavy stated that the Draft Information and Study requests were sent to Carolyn Elefant, the Attorney contracted to work with the FRCOG. The Attorney stated that there isn't a formal process for requesting studies as there is for a hydroelectric facility. However, she advised the FRCOG to submit the requests to FERC. Tying the request to the EIR and Resource Reports will strengthen our Study requests. Two of the Study requests are outstanding. They include noise and water quality. P. Sloan stated that she will draft the water quality study request and send it out next week. The noise is a specialized field and may need to be completed by a consultant.

3 – Review and Discussion of FERC Scoping Sessions: L. Dunlavy and P. Sloan, FRCOG

L. Dunlavy stated that the Scoping Sessions are designed to allow for input by towns and regional agencies. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes. The FRCOG is preparing a brief document highlighting key concerns and Study and Information Requests. The FERC will decide which Study Requests will be included. The FRCOG and towns may want to consider providing funding to conduct some of the studies that are not selected to be done. J. Strzegowski asked who will be conducting the studies requested by FERC. P. Sloan replied that it isn't clear but FERC may require Kinder Morgan to hire a consultant to conduct the studies. M. Burch stated that Marcella Morgan has reached out to hydrogeologists to ask about lasting affects on aquifers and other water resources after a pipeline has been installed. Two out of the three hydrogeologists she spoke with were already retained by Kinder Morgan. The third has not returned her calls yet. C. Shores Ness asked if there was a norm for how long and how often water testing is conducted after the pipeline is installed.

L. Dunlavy stated that the Draft Study Requests do not reflect information in the new Resource Reports issued on July 24th because there is not enough time to do a thorough review. A. Elan stated that it would be beneficial to publicly state that the Scoping Session tomorrow is premature because of the newly released Resource Reports. B. Noble stated that there is another Scoping Session that will be hosted between Greenfield and Winchester, NH.

The Scoping Session will be held tomorrow at the Greenfield Middle School at 6:30 p.m. The doors will be open at 5:30 p.m. A. Elan stated that a Rally permitted by Greenfield is scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m. Donations are encouraged. Rally supporters are asked to wear the color green. A. Elan passed out a handout concerning personal comfort for the meeting. L. Dunlavy stated that R. Davis has requested written comments be sent to him.

P. Sloan stated that our Attorneys (MA & Washington D.C.) have been asked to review a model bylaw for noise and other disturbances prepared by FCOG staff. Once their review is completed the draft will be sent out to the towns. Towns can adopt it as a general bylaw at Town Meetings after a Public Hearing. L. Dunlavy stated that the lawyer advised that the optimum timing to begin negotiations for a Host Community agreement is after the full Application is submitted to FERC by Kinder Morgan. If the full Application is submitted in October, a FERC decision is expected four to six months later.

P. Sloan stated that once the Scoping Sessions are completed, FRCOG staff will concentrate on the Intervenor template. Once the Application is filed and noticed by FERC, towns seeking Intervenor status will have only twenty-one days to file with FERC.

J. Strzegowski stated that the Conway Conservation Commission has identified a new vernal pool. P. Sloan advised getting it certified.

L. Dunlavy stated that the Study requests will be sent out for feedback and then the final Study requests will be submitted before the August 31st deadline, unless the deadline is extended.

4 –Next Meeting Date/Other Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting/Adjourn: L. Dunlavy and P. Sloan

A. Elan stated that the deadline for written comments to the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) on the NED project is August 13, 2015. There will be a meeting held at GCC by the EFSB on August 5, 2015 at 7 p.m.

The next Regional Pipeline Advisory Committee meeting will be held in August or September.

Copies of the handouts are available. Please contact G. Johnson at gjohnson@frcog.org or 413-774-3167 x126.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.