

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – October 19, 2015

Present: John Strasser, Margo Connors
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: None

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board approved the Scope of Work as submitted by HEB Engineers and asked that they incorporate Mr. McCarthy's comments. The Scope is now submitted to the DOT.

DOUGLAS TAYLOR, from 306 Hayward Lane (Map 219, Lot 21.11) requested an extension of the time frame to have the old house on the property removed. He felt that the building would be removed no later than November 12, 2015. The board approved his conditional certificate of occupancy until that time.

The board approved a building permit for NED & THERESA WILSON (Map 214, Lot 21) submitted an amended building permit due to conditions found will excavating to repair the back porch area. The new addition will be for cold storage.

The board received a letter from Chief Clark in regard to the building permit issued for John Wagner, 93 South Road (Map 218, Lot 60). An inspection with the State Electrical Inspector will be scheduled for later in the week.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2015, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion passed unanimously.

The board moved the meeting downstairs and met with Eversouce personnel, Scott Mason, Elevare Communications, Mark Hodgdon, Attorney at Law, John Kayser, Project Manager and Kathleen Lewis, Community Relations Manager.

Community Members attending: Kitty & John Bigelow, Judy Weisenberger, Nancy & Carl Martland, Dolly McPhaul, Gary Way, Rebecca Brown. Others in attendance included Katharine Coffin, Peter Grote, Susan Schibanoff, Chief Wentworth and Robert Blechel

Margo Connors asked the panel if the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission was allowed to make a comment on the recently submitted Wetlands Permit for the Northern Pass project. The permit was provided electronically to the town agencies because of the size.

The Site Evaluation was filed with the SEC today and will be a 14 month public process. Scott Mason will be the community contact through the process. The engineer Mr. Kayser explained the burial of the underground cable. There will be 2 – 8" PVC ducts and 3 – 2" communication lines. There will be 2'9" trench, 4-4.5' feet down with thermal backfill and 8" cap. While being done the road will have one lane open for travel. Traffic management and control plan will be done with the State of NH – DOT. They project completing 100-150' per day with each crew. They would hope to start in April 2017. Some areas may be drilled horizontally and by Coffin

Pond will follow the DES permit. They anticipate minor disruptions and no open ditches will be left. The proposal to DOT is a scope not ever seen before. Margo inquired if a bike lane had been considered during the process. The panel said it had not been mentioned. The board inquired as to the tax implications. Scott Mason noted that the value of the Sugar Hill NPT is \$14,932,398 with estimated tax payments over 20 years between 158,826 -250,118. Northern Pass will ask towns to sign a 20 year agreement and if the town accepts they will agree not to file an abatement over that time period. Several members asked about valuation methods and the panel recommended talking with the Town Assessor. Carl Martland inquired as to the second 20 years and what the ending value would be. The response was that the value would never get to 0 as updates would occur over the forty year span. Dolly McPhaul inquired as to who would remove the equipment once it is obsolete and who would be responsible to pay for the removal. The panel stated that NP would be responsible to remove anything in the first 4' in the ground. Kathleen Lewis said they would provide additional information on decommissioning and responsibility for same. Mr. Evelyn asked how the construction costs are known and response was that gross must be reported. The question again as to why the entire line can't be buried was asked. In addition the ownership of under the road and trees was asked. The panel noted that the line would stay within the disturbed area. Rebecca Brown asked if there was any thought to having other existing telephone and electric lines be buried in same right of way. Gary Way questioned what would happen if the NP company sold to another company in regard to the signed agreements.

With no more business and no appointments before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MR. STRASSER the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday October 26, 2015 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
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