

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of April 28, 2015
Selectmen's Chamber, Town Hall**

Present: Joseph DiRocco, Jr., Chairman, Tony Archinski, Clerk, Cathy Richardson, Alison Hughes, Tami Dristiliaris, Glen Edwards, Assistant Town Manager/Planner, Attorney James Hall and Recording Secretary Shannon Rowe Beaulieu

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence being observed for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of this country and for those currently serving in the military particularly in Afghanistan and Iraq.

WARRANT APPROVAL:

Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to approve the Warrant. Motion seconded by Ms. Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

* Mr. Daniel Bazarian, 10 Carle Drive, appeared before the Board and stated that he is currently a senior at Dracut High School and wanted to discuss the decision made at last night's School Committee meeting regarding the raising of fee's. Mr. Bazarian stated that he can speak for some students and discussed being ignored by the Town Government level. Mr. Bazarian stated that the schools do not have enough funds and discussed more funds being brought in. Mr. Bazarian stated that he hopes that the Town is working on getting additional funds in the future.

* Alexander Corcoran, 77 Village Drive, appeared before the Board and stated that the School Committee was forced to make difficult decisions and he is also a senior at Dracut High School. Mr. Corcoran stated that the future of the school system is painful and has crumbled before his eyes. Mr. Corcoran discussed competing with students across the Country and the World. Mr. Corcoran discussed facility cuts, increasing of fee's and discussed the families that cannot pay the fees. Mr. Corcoran discussed the Greater Lowell Vocational School and the Charter Schools. Mr. Corcoran discussed keeping kids off the streets and stated that he was looking for leadership with the Board. Mr. Corcoran discussed trash fees and the allocation of funds.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Edwards stated that the Annual Town Election will be held on May 4, 2015 and absentee ballots will be accepted until Noon this Friday. Mr. Edwards discussed the National Grid gas main upgrade at Mammoth Road and Lakeview Avenue intersection and Water Street and Omega Circle.

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Mr. Edwards stated that the gas main update information is posted on the Town's website as well. Mr. Edwards stated that the Department of Public Works would be having a public hearing regarding the Nashua Road improvements on May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Harmony Hall and a notice has been sent to the abutters.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Richardson appeared before the Board and stated that as of today the Police Department has had 3,993 call for services compare to 3,379 call for service at the same time last year. Chief Richardson discussed the number of assaults, vandalism, suspicious activity, motor vehicle crashes, Fire Department calls, sudden deaths, property checks and motor vehicle stops. Chief Richardson stated that last calendar year there were twelve deaths caused by overdoses. Chief Richardson stated that he is finalizing background checks for three new Officers and the Department has one Sargent retiring. Chief Richardson discussed possibly having Narcan in the police vehicles. Mrs. Dristiliaris discussed the Narcan in a nasal and injection form. Ms. Richardson discussed the Healthy Communities Group and discussed possible funding for Narcan. Chief Richardson stated that he is looking to the budget for Narcan as money will also be needed for Officer training for the administering of Narcan.

AGENDA ITEMS:

* Chief Kevin Richardson – Stop Sign Request – Village Drive at New Boston Road and Village Drive at Hildreth Street – Motion made by Mr. Archinski to approve stop signs at Village Drive and New Boston Road and Village Drive and Hildreth Street. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

* Superintendent Steven Stone – Discuss Dracut Local Student Government Day – Superintendent Stone appeared before the Board to discuss Civics awareness and the 1st Annual Student Government Day scheduled for April 29, 2015. Superintendent Stone stated that the Junior class will hold elections for the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Town Manager, Superintendent, High School Principal, Fire Chief and Police Chief. Superintendent Stone thanked the Board for their support with being a part of the event. Ms. Richardson discussed how this event worked in Peabody. Superintendent Stone stated that he is starting the event small and will work on building it up more in the future.

* Ongoing Discussion Regarding Tennessee Gas Pipeline and Discuss and Vote on Sending Letter to Kinder Morgan regarding Surveying on Public Ways and any Other Proposals Thereto – Ms. Caroline Zuk, 100 Old Parker Road, and Mr. Ed Nadolny, 155 Heather Road, appeared before the Board to discuss the letter to the Board dated April 24, 2015 regarding specific concerns regarding the proposed Kinder Morgan gas pipeline project prepared by Ed Nadolny a Dracut Pipeline Awareness Group Member.

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Ms. Zuk discussed safety, the proposed compressor station and the pipeline project not being set in stone. Mr. Nadolny discussed Item #1, Evacuation plans for current and potential new pipeline projects. Mr. Edwards stated that the Town has an Emergency Plan which was completed with National Security, the Town has purchased communication equipment in case of an emergency and new resources would need to be looked into. Mr. Nadolny stated that there are grants available for resources and he would forward Mr. Edwards the information. Mr. Nadolny discussed Item #2, Property value and compensation for properties requiring easements for pipeline construction. Mr. Nadolny discussed landscaping loss and easements to protect specific situations. Attorney Hall stated he would need to look at what other Communities have done, discussed the Town's By-Law and Zoning By-Law. Attorney Hall stated that usually issues like this are Civil matters between the homeowner and company. Mr. Nadolny discussed Item #3, Issues concerning the proposed natural gas pipeline compressor station. Mr. Nadolny discussed the stigma with large compressor stations and stated that some Board of Selectmen in other Communities have created ordinance. Mr. Nadolny discussed mitigations and pollutions with compressor stations. Ms. Zuk stated that the next Pipeline Awareness Group meeting would be held this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Dracut American Legion. Ms. Zuk discussed the blasting already occurring at Brox Industries and stated that the residents are concerned with how much more they will have to feel with the proposed pipeline work. Ms. Zuk stated that the Pipeline Awareness Group also wants to know more about the negotiations between Kinder Morgan, State Representative Colleen Garry and Town Manager Jim Duggan. Ms. Zuk discussed confirming the need for gas and is there really a need. Ms. Zuk stated what are we teaching future generations and discussed environmental costs. Ms. Zuk stated that the purpose of the Pipeline Awareness Group is the get more information and discussed FERC concerns and questions and stated that they would be giving out information packets and instructions at their meeting on Thursday. Mr. Rich Cowan, 12 Greenlawn Avenue, appeared before the Board and stated that the Pipeline Awareness Group has an Attorney attending the meeting on Thursday.

The Board discussed sending a letter to Kinder Morgan regarding surveying on Public Ways. Attorney Hall stated that the Board may have the ability to send a letter to Kinder Morgan if it is the will of the Town and stated that sending a letter to Kinder Morgan would show the Board's standing. Ms. Richardson stated that North Reading Board of Selectmen felt sending a letter to Kinder Morgan was helpful. Mrs. Dristiliaris stated that there is no harm in sending a letter to Kinder Morgan.

Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to send a letter to Kinder Morgan stating that no Private Company or Corporation shall be allowed to conduct surveying activity on any public way within the Town of Dracut or on any Town property for the purpose of a natural gas pipeline project, without the express written consent of the Board of Selectmen, until such time as a Public Interest Determination has been made in accordance with the applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission application process for such project. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dristiliaris. Under Discussion:

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Mr. Archinski asked what about other Utility Companies? Attorney Hall stated that this is just for the pipeline as all other Utility Companies need permits to open streets, etc.

Mr. Edwards stated that the North Reading Board of Selectmen also sent copies of their Kinder Morgan letter to FERC and their local Police Department.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to copy the Kinder Morgan letter to FERC and the Dracut Police Department. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dristiliaris. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Richardson stated the Coalition will be meeting again in three weeks. Ms. Richardson also stated that Wilmington had a victory as they were able to re-route the pipeline from their quarry.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. DiRocco stated that the Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee, Open Space Committee, Government Rules and Regulations Committee, Affordable Housing Partnership Committee, Conservation Commission and Dracut Cultural Council are looking for new members.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

* Healthy Communities Work Group – Ms. Richardson stated that there would be a GLHA meeting on May 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dracut Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2015. Motion seconded by Ms. Richardson. Motion passed 4 to 0. Mr. Archinski abstained from voting.

Ms. Richardson thanked Kathy Graham, Town Clerk and staff for getting the information out regarding the proposed Town Charter changes for the May 4, 2015 ballot.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

The Chairman read the information in the Community Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT:

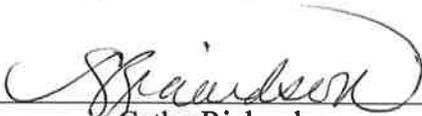
Motion made by Mrs. Dristiliaris to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

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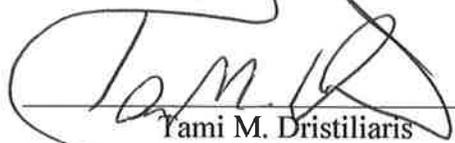
The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Joseph DiRocco, Jr. Chairman


Cathy Richardson


Tony Archinski, Clerk


Tami M. Dristiliaris


Alison Hughes