

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of December 22, 2015
Selectmen's Chamber, Town Hall**

Present: Tony Archinski, Chairman, Alison Hughes, Vice-Chairwoman, Tami M. Dristiliaris, Clerk, Joseph DiRocco, Jr., Cathy Richardson, Jim Duggan, Town Manager, 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.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

* Caroline Zuk – 100 Old Parker Road – Ms. Zuk appeared before the Board and stated that she is strongly opposed to the pipeline and discussed the letter that her and her colleagues helped Ms. Richardson write to FERC and is requesting that the Board sign the letter. Ms. Zuk stated that the Dracut Pipeline Awareness Group achieved a milestone with Board of Health Chairman Evan Themeles and the Board of Health's involvement in opposing the proposed pipeline. Ms. Zuk stated that the Board of Health and the residents are collaboratively and personally asking that the Board have Attorney Hall file as an Intervenor and hire Attorney Richard Kanoff as needed. Ms. Zuk stated that any FERC comments are due by January 6, 2016 and stated that the Board needed to be steadfast. Ms. Zuk wished everyone a happy safe Holiday season.

* Cecilia Mancini, 57 Cart Path Road – Ms. Mancini appeared before the Board and stated that the proposed pipeline is right near her house and she is very concerned. Ms. Mancini discussed air quality, noise quality and stated that she enjoys her property. Ms. Mancini stated that Dracut is a beautiful farm Town. Ms. Mancini discussed already dealing with blasting from Brox Industries and Kinder Morgan's financial status. Ms. Mancini questioned if they are maintaining the current pipeline, non-renewable resources and asked why sign onto the proposed pipeline?

* Tom Medic, 35 Kenwood Road – Mr. Medic appeared before the Board and stated that he has lived in Town for 40 years and has watched the Town grow. Mr. Medic stated that he is looking to possibly move due to the proposed pipeline and asked what are homes going to be worth? Mr. Medic stated that a pipeline is one thing but a compressor station is another thing.

* Ann Medic, 35 Kenwood Road – Ms. Medic appeared before the Board and stated that she is against the compressor station due to the emissions. Ms. Medic stated that she loves living in Dracut but if the compressor station goes through she would have to move as the emissions from the station would affect her husband's health, farm's, etc.

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Ms. Medic discussed the effect on house values and stated that the station should be relocated where it does not affect Dracut.

* Anna Corey, 215 Jones Avenue – Mrs. Corey appeared before the Board and stated that residents and the Town has a lot to lose. Mrs. Corey discussed how the Board was going to fund for an Attorney and discussed prioritizing where Town funds are going. Mrs. Corey discussed the Police and Fire Department Risk Assessments and asked why can't the Risk Assessment's be postponed to hire an Attorney to oppose the pipeline? Mrs. Corey stated that they need expertise in the energy field and asked that the Board look for loop holes to find money to hire an Attorney. Mrs. Corey stated that Dracut is a wonderful Town with farms, forests, etc. and stated that the pipeline would be destroying the natural habitat. Mrs. Corey stated that if the compressor station is constructed she would close her farm immediately because of the lead that would be in ground water. Mrs. Corey asked that the Board please prioritize and hire Attorney Richard Kanoff.

* Randy Boisse, 190 Methuen Road – Mr. Boisse appeared before the Board and stated that his home is ground zero of the compressor station. Mr. Boisse discussed decibels not being regulated by the EPA and not wanting to live in a two mile radius of the compressor station. Mr. Boisse stated that the compressor station does not belong in Dracut and asked that the Board request that FERC propose a different route.

* Gerald D'Avolio, 87 Dadak Drive – Mr. D'Avolio appeared before the Board and stated that he is opposed to the pipeline and compressor station, discussed the harm with a compressor station and stated that the Board does not want their legacy to say you allowed a compressor station in Town. Mr. D'Avolio stated that the Board does not want another Woburn or Danvers and stated that the Board needs to do what is best for the Town and to keep people safe.

* Ina Hakkila, 59 Mill Street, Unit 307 – Ms. Hakkila appeared before the Board and stated that Kinder Morgan may go bankrupt and asked who would then pay for it? Ms. Hakkila stated that the pipeline is not needed and asked what the pipeline is for; export? Ms. Hakkila stated they needed to snip approval in the bud and give FERC data to show the pipeline is not needed. Ms. Hakkila stated that the Town just got roadways fixed up, discussed the weight of trucks coming in and stated that they would be ruining beautiful land. Ms. Hakkila discussed preserving land and Community Preservation. Ms. Hakkila stated that she suggests that the Town hire Attorney Kanoff as the primary Attorney for the Town for the proceeding with the proposed pipeline.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Duggan stated that a FERC booklet has been received and it is on the Town's website. Mr. Duggan discussed the Conservation Commission requiring a third party reviewer for the Kinder Morgan project and stated that the reviewer would be Weston & Sampson and the fee would be \$33,000 which Kinder Morgan would pay.

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Mr. Duggan stated that he met with the Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief and Alan Gould from MRI yesterday to discuss the Police Department's Risk Assessment. Mr. Duggan reviewed the areas that would be addressed right away by the Police Chief. Mr. Duggan stated that they are working together and moving forward.

Ms. Richardson asked that Mr. Duggan create a punch list with the information he just provided to the Board. Mr. Duggan stated that he would provide the Board with the information.

Mr. Archinski discussed making sure efficiency is working. Mr. Duggan stated that he would report back to the Board with how things are moving forward.

Mr. Duggan stated that Town Hall was visited today by the Dracut High School Chorus and they were absolutely phenomenal. Mr. Duggan thanked the Superintendent for bringing the students to Town Hall.

Mr. DiRocco asked if the Police Chief would be continuing with his monthly reports in January? Mr. Duggan stated yes.

Ms. Richardson asked that people please make sure they are removing the advertising signs from around Town once their events are over.

Ms. Richardson asked Mr. Duggan if he has heard that the compressor station maybe moving to the Quarry? Mr. Duggan stated no, he has had no conversations with Methuen.

AGENDA ITEMS:

* Neal's Collision Center – Show Cause Hearing to Determine Status of Eric C. Fanning d/b/a Neal's Collision Center's Used Car Dealers License – Mr. Archinski read the letter dated December 21, 2015 from Attorney Andrew Lacourse, stating that Eric Fanning is withdrawing his 2016 application for a Used Car Dealers License. Attorney Hall stated that Mr. Fanning would be giving up his license.

* May Paquette, Chairperson, Cable Advisory Committee – Cable Advisory Committee Update – Mrs. Paquette appeared before the Board and referred to the letter dated December 10, 2015 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Telecommunications and Cable. Mrs. Paquette stated that the Committee has been meeting over the last year to review each section of the current contract. Mrs. Paquette discussed the Inet being really outdated and would be the Committee's biggest negotiation piece. Mrs. Paquette stated that Comcast is not looking to help with the Inet and it would be addressed during negotiations.

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Mrs. Paquette stated that the Committee conducted a Town wide survey and asked what residents are using, are they happy with current service, quality, etc. Mrs. Paquette discussed ascertainment after the public hearing and stated that the Committee does not negotiate the fees that Comcast charges. Mrs. Paquette stated that they do have an Attorney who works with cable contracts, attend a few meetings and review the final contract.

Mr. Archinski asked if Comcast was the only cable company in Town? Mrs. Paquette stated yes, other companies do not want to come into Town because they do not want to put the money into cable.

Ms. Richardson asked what the percentage rate is given to Dracut Cable Access Television? Mrs. Paquette stated that the rate has been 3.75% for the last three years.

* Selectwoman Cathy Richardson – Discuss and Vote on Proposed Letter to FERC Indicating Concerns Regarding the Northeast Direct Project – Ms. Richardson discussed the letter presented to the Board at their last meeting and stated that the Board suggested the letter be looked at again before being sent out to FERC. Ms. Richardson thanked everyone that helped with the revised letter dated December 17, 2015 and stated that the formal of the letter is a little different, is a good letter including a long list of concerns.

Mr. DiRocco asked if Attorney Hall had reviewed the letter? Attorney Hall stated yes, he reviewed the letter.

Ms. Richardson reviewed the fifteen categories presented in the letter to FERC with the Board.

Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to accept and send the letter dated December 17, 2015 to FERC. Motion seconded by Ms. Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

* Discussion of Dracut's Legal Strategy as an Intervener in the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC, Filing before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Washington, D.C., Docket #CP16-21-00

8:00 p.m. Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to go into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Dristiliaris called for a roll call vote:

Mr. DiRocco – Yes	Mrs. Hughes - Yes
Mr. Archinski – Yes	Ms. Richardson – Yes
Mrs. Dristiliaris – Yes	

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9:34 p.m. The regular meeting resumed with no votes being taken in Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

The Chairman read the information in the Community Calendar.

ADJOURMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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Tony Archinski, Chairman



Alison Hughes, Vice-Chairwoman

Tami M. Dristiliaris, Clerk



Joseph DiRocco, Jr.



Cathy Richardson