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Pipeline Task Force Charter

Background

Brookline's Pipeline Task Force shall serve to review and monitor the proposal by Kinder Morgan to install a natural gas pipeline known as the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Project that is currently proposed to cross 2.73 miles of public and private property in the town of Brookline. The project has been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as Docket # PF14-22-000 and is expected to be filed with the NH Site Evaluation Committee (NHSEC), as established by RSA 162-H, in the fall of 2015.

General Course of Action

The Task Force shall continually evaluate filings related to the project and follow the permitting process while evaluating if the project may have any unreasonable adverse impacts on the Town's air and water quality, the natural environment, historic sites, public health and safety, and general welfare of the population.

Specifically, the Task Force shall:

- 1.) Coordinate with the Brookline Conservation Commission on an environmental study of the town's six parcels of land to identify and catalogue: wetlands, vernal pools, endangered species and plants, deer wintering areas, hydrology and soils and utilize the results to protect the Town's interests through timely communication with FERC and NHSEC.
- 2.) Determine if retention of a hydrological/watershed consultant is advisable. Conduct RFP process and make recommendations to the Selectboard as appropriate.
- 3.) Study the impacts on town safety and emergency response systems.
- 4.) Identify opportunities for coordination of efforts with other impacted towns in order to achieve efficiencies and/or provide wider scope of analysis.
- 5.) Monitor the FERC and NHSEC permitting processes and provide information to both as warranted and on a timely basis.
- 6.) Provide regular reports to the Selectboard, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board on progress of the Task Force, including its activities, findings and recommendations.

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Structure

The Pipeline Task Force will be comprised of the following:


- One member of the Conservation Commission
- One member of the Planning Board
- Town Administrator
- Two residents at large appointed by the Selectboard

Duration

This Charter shall expire at the conclusion on the annual town meeting in March 2016 or until such time as deemed unnecessary by the Selectboard.



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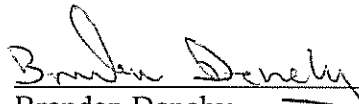


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