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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

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Municipal Center, Conference Room A
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A regular scheduled meeting was called to order. Attendees: Craig Dauphinais, Jennifer Thomas, Bruce Spinney, Dennis Flynn, Doug Willardson and Laura St. John-Dupuis. Absent: Brook Padgett & Tim McInerney

Representative David Muradian

David Muradian addressed the Board stating that a Bill was recently passed that deals with the trafficking of fentanyl. Anyone with 10 grams on them is considered to be trafficking drugs and can get up to 10 years in prison.

On Dec 3rd, 2015 Representative Muradian will be hosting a Coat Drive at Grafton's VFW legion post from 5-8pm. The coat drive will be held upstairs in the function room and Santa will be there from 6 – 8PM.

Jon Bonsall – Algonquin Gas: Access Northeast Project

Attorney Jon Bonsall with Keigan Werlin LLP representing Algonquin Gas for the Northeast Project and Frank Gessner Right of Way Manager of Algonquin Gas briefed the Board with the an overview of the corridor under consideration.

Algonquin is an interstate pipe line system transporting 2.63 billion cubic feet per day. It was established in 1949 with first delivery to New Bedford Gas & Electric on sept 9, 1953.

Two components of this project: Increase peak-day pipeline capacity and increasing regional LNG Storage. Access Northeast is intended to address shortage of storage helping with pricing increases If access northeast was in the ground during 2013-2014 consumers would have saved \$2.5 billion.

The West Boylston lateral to Medway: There will be an opportunity to procure an additional gas Lateral that will be 27 miles in length 16" and will follow the existing NGrid corridor, this may go over some private parcels. Eversource Energy (NSTAR Gas) is the customer. This would be a second point of access.

Timeline: Permits have not been filed; Algonquin is still in data gathering stage. In November Algonquin will initiate pre-filing process that will last about a year. A formal application will happen in November 2016. There will be open houses in quarter 1 of 2016

Construction due to start in 2018 and therefore there is a lot of opportunity for input from communities and citizens.

Mr. Frank Gessner, Right of Way Manager for Algonquin Gas states there are 4 parcels of land owned by Grafton and would like permission to do their survey work. He is hoping that in January/February of 2016. Once the survey work done, there will be a better view of where they want to put the pipeline.

Mr. Flynn asked how this will impact a resident's properties. Mr. Gessner stated that we cannot tell until we do the survey work.

Mr. Flynn asked about the communication to residents. Mr. Gessner stated Algonquin Gas has sent information letters and letters requesting to perform survey work.

Mr. Flynn asked if Algonquin Gas is asking some of the residents to consider an easement on the property for \$10? Both Mr. Gessner and Mr. Bonsall stated no, that is premature to be speaking to someone about an easement.

Mr. Flynn asked what will happen people don't want to grant an easement. Does the property automatically get taken? Mr. Gessner responded stating that negotiations will take 6 month or 1 year and Algonquin can address land owners concerns. If we are at an impasse an independent review can be done.

Mr. Flynn presented a letter from Mr. Ray Dorman of Algonquin Gas. The letter is grant of easement to letter to a resident for the consideration of \$10. And that the easement can carry oil and gas.

Cory Rivenberg, Right of Way Supervisor with Algonquin Gas, addressed the Board stating that he spoke to the land owner referenced in the letter that Mr. Flynn had in his possession. Mr. Rivenberg stated the letter is an example an easement letter and just a draft and that an actual letter to a resident will be customized by Algonquin Gas.

Mr. Flynn asked how Con Com and other Boards interact with Algonquin. Mr. Gessner stated they will work with the boards, after a design has been put together.

Mr. Flynn asks if investigative work is done prior to coming to Con Com. Mr. Bonsall stated that until the survey is done and a plan is put together Algonquin cannot put an application together for Con Com. Algonquin needs to determine where the wetlands are and then determine the pipe location.

Mr. Flynn what if Con Com does not want this to happen. Mr. Bonsall stated Con Com does not have the ability to stop it. Mr. B spends a lot of time in outreach with Con Com

Mr. Spinney asked what are you is Algonquin Gas requesting tonight. Mr. Gessner stated he has two forms asking for permission to perform the survey on Town property.

Mr. Dauphinais asks if Algonquin Gas is concerned about underground utilities. Mr. Gessner stated no.

Mr. Flynn asked how does a right of way effective an easement. Mr. Gessner stated Algonquin's rights would be secondary with the electric transmission co.

Ms. Thomas stated that the Creeper Hill Property not all of it is on Town property and that there is a good chance that Algonquin Gas may not use our land? Mr. Gessner stated yes.

Mr. Flynn stated that he is getting many questions from residents and that he is not personally ready to make a decision and feels there needs to be more discussion. Mr. Flynn also asks if petroleum can go through the pipelines. Mr. Gessner stated no.

Mr. Zinkevich of 1 Sargent's Island Shrewsbury addressed the Board stated that Algonquin Gas will be taking over the right away that goes through the power company and using the power company roads.

Mr. Gessner stated that the power company has the right of easement. Algonquin Gas would have to buy an easement from the underlying fee owner. The grant of easement talks about where the permanent right of way is and there will be a drawing and where there is an easement in relation to the property as well as a permanent or temp and purchased for.

Mr. Zinkevich asked how much money, Mr. Gessner stated its not paid by the foot., it is about 8% about the fee value of land is worth. Algonquin Gas will negotiate with the property owner and work with the property owner. Algonquin gas does not want to go to court; they want to work every agreement out with the property owners. Over the years less than 5% people go to court. Mr. Z asks who will pay taxes on this. Mr. Gessner stated the property owner will.

Mr. Dauphinais stated that Mr. Zinkevich's questions are not related to this and asks Mr. Zinkevich to contact Algonquin Gas. Mr. Flynn responded by saying that the meeting tonight is for the kind of questions you have Mr. Zinkevich has and further stated that he did not believe this was a hearing.

Mr. Gessner asked Mr. Flynn to give the names of the people who have asked questions to Mr. Gessner so that they can contact those people and answer those questions. Mr. Gessner also stated that he can provide his business card for people to contact him directly. Mr. Flynn stated that he does not have the right to give Mr. Gessner peoples contact information.

Mr. Flynn asked for informational packets that were passed out at the informational meetings. Mr. Gessner stated that he will provide that information.

Mr. Spinney asked if after the survey will Algonquin Gas come back to the Board with the information on how this will effect town property, the impact on roads and crossings and makes sure the DPW Advisory Committee is aware in case we are going across roads that have just been repaved because the Town is in the middle of a roads program that is happening every year and has concerns about Algonquin Gas going across roads that were just completed. Mr. Gessner stated that Algonquin Gas will bore under the road and not open cut the road. Mr. Bonsall will work with the DPW in terms of the specific road crossings.

Mr. Zinkevich asked if Algonquin gave a piece of paper indicating the three steps of this project. Mr. Willardson stated yes. Mr. Zinkevich stated this is not the time of year for conservation to look for endangered species because the turtles are gone. Mr. Dauphinais stated that he believes the conservation is aware and that this is a good point.

Mr. Spinney reads survey authorization from Spectra Energy Partners/Algonquin Gas to the Board and Audience, giving limited permission to enter town property to make a survey. Subject to the condition the Town will paid for any and all damages to property and crops and to be signed by the Town Administrator

Mr. Spinney made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the survey authorization. Ms. Thomas seconded. Mr. Dauphinais asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Flynn had stated that he feels this is inappropriate to do this without having a hearing and believes it is not on the agenda nor was there any back up to the agenda giving any indication of what were are doing and that the Board doesn't have the environmental information. Mr. Flynn also stated that he is not sure that we should move it along thinks it is important and feels there should be more time for more study and more input from the Town.

Mr. Dauphinais stated this is on the agenda and it is appropriate to vote and that there was information provided and lot to digest. He would ask Bruce to change his motion and add that when out surveying town property to let town employees know that they will be out on town property beforehand and have a schedule in case conservation wants to walk the property. Mr. Gessner stated he could add the 48 hour notice prior to doing any work.

Mr. Spinney amended his motion. Mr. Spinney made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the survey Authorization form t Spectra Energy give to give the town at least 48 hour notice when entering the property. Ms. Thomas seconded. Mr. Dauphinais was in favor. Mr. Flynn opposed and requested the record to show this item

is listed under schedule and not under business and that there was not enough sufficient information provided to have an intelligent decision on what to do this evening.

Milford Medicinals-Registered Marijuana Dispensary

The CEO of Milford Medicinals was unable to make it, the Chairman of Milford Medicinals request the meeting to be deferred to the next meeting as he is not day to day and cannot get granular.

Mr. Willardson states Milford Medicinals will be looking for a letter of non-opposition from the Town to open a registered a Medical Marijuana Dispensary.

Chief Crepeau would like to speak on this subject. Mr. Dauphinais stated that we are not going to have an open discussion on this, but if Chief Crepeau wanted to speak about this he was welcome to. Mr. Flynn stated he would like to hear what the Chief had to say.

Chief Crepeau addressed the Board and stated that he does not have a lot of information but has a letter of intent and states Milford Medicinals wants approval to operate a facility and possibly grow Marijuana. The Chief further stated that Milford Medicinals shows profiles in their prospectus of their people and that Milford Medicinals further indicated that their organization has assembled a Massachusetts team of professionals with expertise in security. They do not have people with expertise in security. Additionally Chief Crepeau stated that across the country, employee theft, on or near the property what happens when a patient receives 60 days of marijuana and possibly sells it off of the premises. Should recreational marijuana be allowed, and if so, will Milford Medicinals be selling it commercially? This will depend on legislation. Per the Chief, 71% of towns people voted on the restrictions of public use of medical marijuana and there is a concern out there. The investigations and response are going to be on Grafton Police Department and he hopes the Board does not decide to hastily and the to take into consideration that the Police Department is already taxed and will need to look at more man power.

Mr. Flynn stated that he thinks we have a problem, this item is under schedule and not business and we are being asked to make a motion to support this or vote on things like this, if we need to have another meeting because we need time for further discussion we will have to do that. He also stated that he is not going to vote on things like this and if people have questions he will bring them here and will rush through things and be made to feel like he is less than cooperative and that he didn't know that the motion he would be making indicates it is ok to grow marijuana in Massachusetts

Mr. Dauphinais stated that there is a lot of information missing and that is unacceptable.

Mr. Dauphinais asked that Chief Crepeau send any information have the BOS office to forward it to the Board.

Vote to Instruct Assessors to Raise \$1.5M for Road Stabilization Account

Mr. Spinney made a motion to instruct Assessors to Raise \$1.5M for Road Stabilization Account. Mr. Flynn seconded. All were in favor.

Vote for Town Administrator to Sign F.A.S.T. Athletics Contract

Mr. Spinney made a motion to have the Town Administrator to sign the F.A.S.T. Athletics Contract. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Vote to For Chairman to Sign Tufts Contribution Agreement

Mr. Spinney made a motion to sign the Tufts Contribution Agreement. Mr. Flynn seconded. All were in favor

Vote to Sign Grant of Easement –National Grid

Mr. Spinney made a motion to sign grant of easement. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Vote on Right of First Refusal- Chapter 40B

Mr. Spinney made a motion for the Board to not exercise their right of first refusal for all properties listed for Chapter 40B. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

- 7 Buttercup Lane
- 39 Buttercup Lane
- 29 Daffodil Court
- 4 Flint Pond Drive

Proclamation Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day, November 13, 2015

Mr. Thomas read the Pancreatic Cancer Proclamation. Mr. Flynn made a motion to make November 13, 2015 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day

Town Administrators Report

Mr. Willardson provided the Town Administrator's Report

We are working on glitches with the Towns webpage

A lease has been drafted for new cell tower to be signed by the Board

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Spinney made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 6, 2015 as presented. Mr. Thomas seconded. Mr. Flynn abstained.

Adjourn

At 8:35 Mr. Spinney made a motion made to adjourn. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

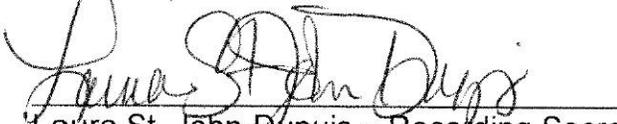
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Craig Dauphinais-Chairman

11/17/2015

Date



Laura St. John-Dupuis – Recording Secretary