

APPROVED MINUTES ~ 8/15/2011

TOWN OF DEERFIELD

NORTHERN PASS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

G.B. White Building, Downstairs Conference Room

8 Raymond Road, Deerfield, NH 03037

August 15, 2011

Attendees: Mike O'Neil, Matt Reed, Nicole Ruderman, Steve Neily, Tom True

Erick Berglund, Erika Heilman, Jeanne Menard, Kathy Shigo

Recording secretary: Erick Berglund

Call to Order - Erika called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Minutes of Aug 8 meeting – Erika asked if members had read the draft minutes and were prepared to offer any revisions and approve them. The draft minutes of this meeting were very detailed and lengthy and members were not prepared to approve them.

Erika offered a summary version of the Aug 8 meeting minutes. Members were asked to review them and consider these as replacing the detailed draft minutes for which members were not ready to consider for approval. There was majority agreement to go forward with the summary version of the Aug 8 meeting minutes. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved by a vote of 6 in favor with 3 abstentions.

Northern Pass Information Meeting – After a brief discussion it was agreed that this event would be held in the Town Hall in October. Two potential dates were chosen - October 18 and 25 – with the hope that at least one is not reserved for another event.

Meeting formats considered were 1) general meeting with presenters, followed by breakout sessions for attendees in various groups to explore specific issues and report back to the larger group, and 2) general meeting (no breakouts). A majority was in favor of having a general meeting without breakouts.

Presenters – There was agreement that a Northern Pass representative should be invited to speak as well as a representative of the Forest Society. Other potential speakers were mentioned but no decisions were made. These included: an authority to speak about project costs, a representative of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund and a representative from the Deerfield Planning Board to speak about Deerfield's Master Plan.

Information Meeting Subcommittees established:

- Event planning – Steve and Erika
- Refreshments - Jeanne

Communications - Erika asked members to start thinking about information channels for publicizing the meeting. Several were identified – The Communicator, The Forum, The Bridge, the Town of Deerfield website and the Town Newsletter. Members were also requested to start getting the word out about this meeting to friends and neighbors.

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Committee Report to Selectboard – It was agreed each member will be responsible for writing up their areas of research and presentation. Erika said writing can begin immediately and reiterated the goal of completing and approving this document by the end of September. Prior to our September 19th meeting, members can circulate their drafts via email (and hard copy to Kathy), to be discussed at that meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the format and content of the report. Erika said it was important that all the studies we identified in our research be included in our report. An appendix to the report would be a convenient way to present this information. There was some question as to whether this would be helpful or too much information. It was agreed that NPAC would consult the Select Board as to what would be most helpful.

Next Meeting – September 19, 2011 at 5:30pm

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.