



Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2016

- Approved 3/08/16 -

Members Present: Meg Handler, Bob Hyams, Shannon Kelly, Alison Lesure, Bill Marks (via phone)

Members Absent: Merrily Lovell

Guests: None.

1. Call to order at 7:11 p.m.
2. Commission members discussed the concerns, questions Commission has regarding the VT Gas pipeline through Geprags Park, the position(s) Commission wants to take, as well as the importance of the Commission's role as stewards of the park and working with all parties. Questions about the ability to gain an easement through eminent domain proceedings, granting an easement for a use that is not permitted by the convent on the land, and whether or not the proposed agreement between VT Gas and the Town is signed and the validity of the agreement were central questions. Meg will reach out to Bud Allen to discuss certain questions and relay any information. Bob will reach out to VT's Natural Heritage and Wetlands programs, and PSB to request more information. Alison will respond to Ned Farquhar with VT Gas and request environmental action plan, current map of proposed pipeline and other relevant documents for the Commission to review, as well as invite him and Mark LaBarr to March 8th meeting.

Bob made a motion that the Conservation Commission file for intervenor status with the Public Service Board regarding the VT Gas application to obtain an easement to lay a natural gas pipeline through Geprags, Shannon seconded. 4-0 in favor, one abstention, motion passed. Although Merrily was unable to join the special meeting and vote, she has expressed her support in past discussions.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2016

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Lesure