

VGS-GEPRAGS SUBCOMMITTEE
JULY 27, 2016
1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
HINESBURG TOWN HALL
4:00 P.M.

Members Present: Michael Bissonette, Aaron Kimball, Bob Hyams, Alison Lesure, Trevor Lashua.
Others Present: Town Attorney Bud Allen, Tom Murray (Vermont Gas), Will Dodge (Downs Rachlin Martin), Frank Koss, Deb Koss, Shannon Kelly, Bill Marks, Merrily Lovell, Jerry Degraff, Theora Ward, Lisa Barrett, Karl Novak, Trish Novak, Linda Gage, Bob Thiefels, Cynthia Hendel.

The meeting was called to order.

The members discussed process, both as it relates to the subcommittee review and the Selectboard meeting on 7/28. There was discussion about the need to review and take action prior to the 8/4 technical hearing of the Public Service Board.

The members of the subcommittee reviewed the documents with the Town Attorney, specifically focused on feedback provided by the Conservation Commission's representatives to the subcommittee prior to the 7/28 meeting. The Town Attorney and Town Administrator stated that they had performed a prior review as well.

The review of the proposed deed focused on sections related to non-exclusivity, abandonment, restoration planning and implementation, arbitration and enforcement (i.e. what happens if the agreement or deed conditions need to be enforced or are breached), and other changes made from the prior public review version (changes between v.06.03 and v.06.04).

The discussion also focused on the use of horizontal directional drilling as opposed to open trenching, and the compensation. The compensation discussion focused on the fact that, in v.06.04, the second offer of \$125,000 was contingent upon factors outside the Town's control – and as such, was not likely to be seen.

The subcommittee worked until 6 p.m., when members had other commitments to attend to.

The meeting was adjourned.