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• VT Gas Proposes Pipeline Route Change Back To Velco Row

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On Tuesday, January 22, in Montpelier, Town Administrator Joe Colangelo and I attended a meeting between Vermont Gas (VGS), the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), the Army Corp of Engineers (ACE), the Public Service Board (PSB), and representatives of Monkton. The purpose of the meeting was for VGS to unveil their aspiration to move the proposed pipeline route from the Hinesburg town right of way (ROW) along Charlotte and Baldwin Roads to the existing VELCO ROW to the regulators - ANR and ACE - prior to amending their Public Service Board (PSB) filing. The proposed route will stay within the existing VELCO ROW except where environmental impacts cannot be mitigated to the satisfaction of the regulating bodies. VGS, ANR, and ACE agreed to continue discussions and explore the details of this proposed change.

As representatives of this town, Joe and I will demand to stay fully abreast of the situation and will continue to share the most current and most accurate information with the citizens of Hinesburg.

Although there are many opinions on this pipeline, it appears clear that most affected landowners would prefer any pipeline route be kept away from roads and homes and stay within the existing VELCO corridor. This is also the opinion of the Selectboard which was reflected in the Selectboard's initial letter to the PSB dated Dec 4, 2012. This letter and other documents concerning the pipeline can be found on the Town's website.

The Town urges all affected and interested landowners to stay well-informed of these developments and make your voices heard by contacting the Selectboard, attending upcoming public meetings or directly contacting the PSB. There is a PSB Prehearing Conference on January 30 in Montpelier; this meeting is open to the public. Joe and I will work with VGS to schedule another public meeting in Hinesburg to review the amended proposal once that proposal has been finalized. Look for that announcement on the Town web site and FPF.

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