

**JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS,
PLANNING BOARD, AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016
ASHLAND FIRE STATION
6:30 PM**

RE: INTERVENER STATUS ON THE NORTHERN PASS PROJECT

Normand DeWolfe, Harold Lamos, Leigh Sharps, David Toth, Alan Cilley, Sue McLeod, Carol Fucarile, Walter Durack, and Kathleen DeWolfe were in attendance.

Toth requested this meeting and gave out timeline and explained. There are 180 interveners. Ashland is Municipal Group #3. Groups to act as one when in court. Steve Whitley from Mitchell is representing some surrounding towns. Questions need to be in by April 11th. Water & Sewer has 25 questions. Toth says that Ashland doesn't have much in common with other towns because we are the only public utility. Damage to well field and aquifer is a major concern. In the long term, large shadows would be created by the towers if solar panels are constructed. Durack said that the Conservation Commission has enough money for only 10 hours of legal time. Should we drop intervener status and go directly against Eversource. Kathleen DeWolfe said that we can apply for individual status but today is the deadline. She said that HB626, the Energy Transmission Corridor passed the House, which leaves much uncertainty. What is the ultimate goal? Redirection or stop all together. Most want to bury the lines in the median of Route 93. It will be litigated to death. Water & Sewer is only interested in the impact on the wells. Lamos suggested that the EPA get involved because of the Water Protection Act. Where is DES in this process? Some question about whether Concord will stay in the group. Water & Sewer can still request a site visit from the SEC, and send a letter to be a standalone intervener. Toth will send letter tonight. Plymouth is not in our district which is why we haven't heard too much from them. Water & Sewer will consult with Whitley. Jeannie Forrester told Lamos that there are people in Concord that can help. Toth will send email to Group 3 people to get the ball rolling. Would like to meet again next week.

There being no other business, Norm DeWolfe moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Fucarile seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Crowell
3-24-16