

Windham Economic Development Committee
Infrastructure Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2017

Approved

PRESENT: Mike Oldenburg, Gary Garfield, Lisa Walker and Ralph Valentine, Bruce Richardson
George Fredette

Call to order at the Windham Comm. Dev. Dept. at 7:32 AM.

Motion by Lisa second my Mike to approve the minutes of May 10, 2017 Motion Carries 5-0-1

Gas Infrastructure

Liberty Utilities (LU) provided an update on the franchise award of Windham to LU for providing natural gas.

LU would prefer to install all lines at one time, rather than have the lines creep slowly along Route 111 as more customers are signed up. If LU can accumulate a sufficient commitment from customers along route 111 then they can construct the gas lines at one time, from Hudson to approx.. Exit 3.

Those commitments are acknowledged by LU in the form of executed SLA's, Service Line Agreements which are short, non-binding agreements to commit to an estimate of usage.

Since some building construction will take place prior to the LU installation and likely use propane, for a very small increase in material, developers/contractors can install gas lines which support both propane and natural gas.

Regarding the timing of the installation, it is likely the line would be installed in the 2019 construction season. Some of the steps to get from today to meter installation:

- Accumulate a sufficient number of SLA's
- Approval by the LU Board of Directors
- Design and permitting of the project
- Tree-cutting as needed, which can only take place from Sept. 1, thru March 31st.

LU recently installed a 300 psi steel pipe line of 5 miles in 4 months. Windham installation will depend on the opportunities and constraints encountered on and in the ground.

LU is communicating with Pennichuck re: timing and location of gas and water lines.

Mark Kovacs of the LEC will provide information the schools. Ralph will assist with getting SLA's signed.

LU talked about how the payback analysis is completed to determine who pays for bringing the gas line to the meter location.

Water Infrastructure:

We had a brief discussion on keeping things moving forward on Water infrastructure. Mike is going to work with the Communication Sub Committee to generate a 5 part article on the Town's water needs. As of this meeting we have received a number of reports from DES and others regarding water infrastructure. Rex Norman is going to set up a library where the citizens can go to view the reports. In addition, Sylvia Van Aulak has replaced David Price at Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission. Gary Garfield will call her to get an update on the next regional water meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 12, 2017 at 7:30 AM

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 by Ralph, second by Mike, motion passed 6-0-0

Ralph Valentine, Secretary
Gary Garfield, Chairman