



**Approved Minutes
Town of Mason Pipeline Hearing January 6, 2015 at
Mason Elementary School, 13 Darling Hill Road**

At 7:38 PM The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, came to the microphone and requested people to take a seat and those who have not checked in to do so at this time. If there are seats available, non-residents should be sitting at the back of the room. Preparation for this hearing is a coordinated effort of many individuals including Rick Griffith, Building and Grounds manager, Jeannine Phalon, Select Board Administrative Assistant, Kathy Wile and Wally Brown, Supervisors of the Checklist, school district officials and police, fire, and emergency personnel. There was a round of applause for their efforts. She then pointed to the fire and emergency exits, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table: Selectmen – Charles Moser – Chair, Bernie O’Grady, and Louise Lavoie, Administrative Assistant Jeannine Phalon. There was no request for interpretive services. The Moderator then went over procedure for the hearing letting the public know to use the microphone in the center aisle. Approximately 180 members of the public attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The meeting was called to order at 7:38PM.

Charlie Moser stated in his opening remarks that this is a Selectmen’s meeting, not a town meeting. The purpose is to inform and gauge the opinion of the town along with hearing the pros and cons of the pipeline project. He then stated, in all fairness to Kinder Morgan, they were notified of our meeting in somewhat of a short notice. Chairman Charlie Moser then introduced Bob Dillberger, member of the Conservation Commission, who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the pipeline project.

Once the slide show was complete, Chairman Charlie Moser added some additional information about the infrastructure which is quoted as “to be determined”. Some included are mainline valves along the pipeline to shut off the pipeline in case of emergency which are generally in the ROW, access roads which are required as well as rectifiers on poles above the ground within the ROW and ground beds which are used to ground out electrical induction due to the co-location of the pipeline. Pig launchers, which are used to clean the pipes, and pipe yards and contracted yards located along the pipeline are all to be determined.

Charlie Moser then opened the floor to the public for comment and requested to not be lengthy in your comments and state your name and where you are from. Comments were made by several members of the community asking several questions reflecting the cost benefit to the town, the towns’ dependency on individual wells and how the blasting may affect or possibly destroy wells within the town. Chairman Moser replied that the cost benefit is something the board still has to study, but how do you compare the tax revenue to the lost rural character to a town that has zero industry, and the existence of blow down valves that make sudden big noised which we do not currently have.

Chairman Moser stated that the town has little ability to vote the pipeline out, but we all need to learn how the process works and where the regulatory spots are this project. The Brookline BOS has also reached out in response of the pipeline project to create an organizational effort to stop the pipeline. You can go to FERC.gov and make a comment referring to docket number PF14-22. You can also go to nhpipelineawareness.org to get more information.

Chairman Moser responded to Mr. Bryan that he didn’t mean to give the impression that the board would not do anything. They called this meeting to get information out before Kinder Morgan could come to town and to get the sense of the people as to what you want the BOS to do. He also suggested if you are going to present a warrant article to the BOS, to come together collectively to form one warrant. The last thing that they would want to see is 5 different warrant articles doing essentially the same thing.

After long discussions among the residents and the Board, Chairman Moser urged the public to work

together and come up with a warrant article to present to the town for a vote. He then asked for a show of hands of all those opposed to the pipeline project. It was nearly unanimous in the room that the people of the town of Mason did not want a pipeline going through the town. It was then stated by Moderator Catherine Schwenk that February 3rd is the last day to submit a petitioned warrant article for March 10th town elections.

It was then stated that the BOS along with any other group, such as the Conservation Commission, could register with FERC as "interveners". You can find information at FERC.gov.

In closing, Chairman Moser thanked the town for painting a very clear picture of which direction the town wants with this pipeline. It made him and the Board very happy to see the turnout of support.

It was **motioned** by **Bernie O'Grady** to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded** by **Louise Lavoie**. Vote 3-0 in favor at 9:35PM.