

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes January 4, 2016

7:00 pm Meeting called to order by Board Chair, John Quinlan. Also in attendance were Selectmen Jack Esposito and Jim Whipple.

Tim Roache, the new Executive Director of the NRPC came before the Board to introduce himself, the Assistant Director, Jen Czysz and Dave Hennesy, the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Treasurer of the NRPC and Town Resident Mike Fimbel was also in attendance.

Roache explained that the NRPC is a great resource for Mont Vernon; you have saved \$1,900 by joining the Electricity Aggregation, we helped you with your Hazzard Mitigation Plan, Blue Bus comes to Mont Vernon, and you belong to the NRSW and SRLD. We also do your tax mapping. Now we are sharing the cost of changing your Town Center zoning.

In the past, you have used our Transportation Planning, Road Surface Management, and help with your Master Plan. You have the link to the GIS maps on your web site.

Roache said that the NRPC is beginning to look into consolidating purchasing for propane, road salts and even paper to gain more savings.

Czysz spoke about Land Use and the Planning Metrics Gateway.

Roach explained that the Kinder/Morgan Pipeline is bringing the 13 communities together.

Quinlan said that, unfortunately, we are so different; we don't really belong with the towns that we are lumped in with. It is a geographic and a demographic problem and makes our relationship with you more difficult. When you talk of Transportation, you are only interested in the commute from Milford to Nashua and from Milford to the State line.

Hennesy believes that Mont Vernon has more in common with the other communities than Quinlan thinks. The NRPC's Transportation projects do include 101A, 101, and Rte. 13 to the State Line, but it most definitely affects Mont Vernon; that is how your residents commute to work. It dictates whether or not new people will move into town. If people cannot get to work, they will not purchase here, and property values will plummet.

Esposito agreed with Hennesy and stated that even though Mont Vernon is small, we have used the NRPC to the best of our ability. Both the electricity aggregation and the Blue Bus have worked out well.

Fimbel said that he just became aware of the group: Mont Vernon Citizens against the Pipeline. He stated that he has to represent Mont Vernon with the NRPC, and unless He gets a commitment that electricity prices will come down, he will not endorse it.

Esposito said that the Board has not discussed this yet, and has taken no position as of yet.

Board reviewed and signed the checks and manifest.

Board reviewed minutes of 12/21. Esposito motioned, seconded by Whipple to accept the minutes of December 21, 2015. All in favor.

8:00 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Whipple motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie M. Brown