



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Please submit Agenda Request Form, including back up information, 8 days prior to the requested meeting date. **Public Hearing requests must be submitted 20 days prior to requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines** (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: July 6, 2015

Date of Meeting: July 16, 2015

Submitted by: Town Council Vice Chair Tom Mahon

Department:

Time Required: 15 minutes

Speakers:

Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognition/Resignation/Retirement:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Protocol for Scoping Meetings

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Discussion and review of protocol for scoping meetings

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	Warrant Article:
Charter Article:	Town Meeting:
Other:	N/A

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Projector:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easel:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Meeting:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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APPROVAL

Town Manager: Yes No: Chair/Vice Chair: Yes No:

Hold for Meeting Date: _____

FERC Scoping Meeting Tips

- The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) put out a schedule of scoping meetings on the Kinder Morgan Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline (“Gas Pipeline”) on June 30, 2015
 - ▶ Comments on the schedule and other issues in the June 30 notice are due to FERC by **August 31, 2015**.

- FERC scheduled two scoping meetings near Merrimack
 - ▶ July 29 at 6:30 pm
Radisson Hotel
11 Tara Boulevard
Nashua, NH
 - ▶ July 30 at 6:30 pm
Milford Town Hall
Milford, NH

- ▶ A third scoping meeting is anticipated the week of July 27-31 in or around Winchester, NH

- Arrive at least an hour in advance of the meeting to sign up for a speaking slot
 - ▶ FERC will start the sign up sheets for speakers one hour in advance of the meeting (i.e. 5:30 pm). Heavy turnout is anticipated and lines may form before 5:30

- Have your comments in writing
 - ▶ FERC will accept written comments and will enter those comments into the record

- Meeting process
 - ▶ FERC staff will describe the process and then start on the list of speakers.
 - ▶ FERC will likely limit the amount of time each speaker may speak (likely just a minute or two)
 - ▶ FERC will continue through the list of speakers until the contracted for facility time is over
 - ▶ FERC will have a transcriptionist at the meeting and a transcript of the scoping meeting will be put in the FERC record

- Issues to discuss
 - ▶ Impact of route
 - ▶ Route alternatives?
 - ▶ Timeline and scope of FERC scoping meetings
 - **FERC is holding scoping meetings requiring public comment on impacts from the proposed route and comparisons of those impacts with alternatives before KM submits its next draft of the resource reports which show the route impacts and compare impacts between alternatives. These resource report revisions are anticipated in the next month.**
 - **Additional time to comment on the next drafts or additional scoping meetings might assist many interested parties**