

Approved January 19, 2021

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Special Meeting
Via Zoom Teleconference
January 12, 2021

Note: Today's Select Board meeting was held by teleconference and all Cornwall Select Board meetings will be held by teleconference until further notice.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, John Roberts, Ben Marks, Brian Kemp
ALSO PRESENT: Meg and Laurie Groves, Brad Armstrong and Lucy McKeon, Steve Kinkead, Theresa Dessureault and Tom Brigán (from Green Mountain Power Corp.), and Alex Carver

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Recording of the meeting – announced

Quorum – established

MINUTES

The special meeting was called for the purpose of hearing from the Kinkeads' neighbors about a utility distribution joint proposal for neighbors on a section of Delong Road. Meg Groves reported that the Waggoners could not join the meeting due to a conflict, but were available by phone to answer questions, should the need arise.

The Chair shared a screenshot with meeting attendees of a proposed distribution service to the Groves, Armstrong/McKean, Waggoner, and Kinkead properties, which differed from the proposed distribution plan in GMP's Section 1111 permit application. The joint proposal was prepared by Laurie Groves in consultation with his neighbors and had been reviewed and revised somewhat by Theresa Dessureault for compatibility with GMP's electrical service requirements. Ms. Dessureault also provided the Delong Road families with a partial quote for the GMP portion of the work that the joint proposal entailed. Ms. Dessureault indicated that there were additional easements required from the landowners for placing terminating cabinets on their properties in connection with this service. She also stated that GMP could work with the joint proposal and that the urgency for completing the work was driven by the Kinkeads' need for power. Mr. Carver noted that phone service would require two-foot above ground markers/access points at regular intervals and that he had had trouble connecting with OTT Communications about moving phone lines for the Kinkeads. Each of Steve Kinkead, the Armstrong/McKeons, and the Groveses stated that the joint proposal would work for them in concept and that it was worth pursuing, although there were additional quotes for moving phone lines and for trenching that they had not yet received. Ms. Dessureault, whose GMP quote remains in effect until April 2021, noted the long lead time for certain hardware associated with the terminating cabinets on each landowner's property.

The Chair noted that the Town did not need to be part of the planning process going forward, but that as the joint plan proposes laying conduit and line under Delong road running

perpendicular to the road's traveled surface in two places, that a Section 1111 permit would still be necessary to start work on the project. No vote was taken on the original Section 1111 permit as the plans associated with that permit had been superseded by the joint proposal.

On motion made, the Select Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM.