**May 16, 2016 7:00-11:00PM**

**People Over Pipelines**

**Chesterfield Municipal Bldg**

**Attendees**

Alex, Agnes, Theresa, Belinda, Glen, Jean, Patti C, Barbara, John K , Walter, Katie, Mike, Jarrett, James, Jane, Jeff, Martha

**Agenda:**

* Presentation – Theresa Lettman
* Importance of pending freshwater wetlands NJDEP permit
* Workings and History of Joint Base Remedial Board ( RAB ) – For Lakehurst, McGuire, Ft Dix

**Action we request from you**

* Letter Request/Public Comment-- NJDEP hold public hearing on pending freshwater wetlands, Dateline for submission???
* Letter Request/Public comment on RAB ????

**Minutes**

* Agnes Marsala Theresa Lettman
* Theresa briefed the workings of the RAB.

Org membership = Co-chairs = community 1 seat, base 1 seat. EPA 3 seats, DEP 3 seats.

History = Lakehurst and Ft Dix have for the most part played by the DEP for environmental cleanup of Toxic Sites. McGuire has thumbed their nose at cleanup for 15 years and done nothing. 15 years of litigation. EPA had a settlement with them. McGuire is now under scrutiny. In 2013-2014 Joint Base completed a study which said no gas is needed in Joint base. Then the McGuire Colonel who is engineer initiated looking for projects to get money for McGuire. He worked deal resulting in receiving payment of $50K/year for allowing gas through McGuire and $250K/yr for solar field. In Lakehurst there is a TCE underground plume heading toward Cuires Mills. Contaminated sites are as follows:

McGuire 1 + 40 sites

Lakehurst 1 + 39 sites

Fort Dix 1 Delisted site

Areas or interest for pipeline I & J and Landfill Area C and Armory.

Landfill is not delineated even after repeated requests by Theresa

* Theresa briefed us on the wetlands permits for the Garden State Expansion (GSE) project for the compressor project
  + First, the public needs to request a public hearing be held for the wetland permits.
* Heritage Minerals story - Manchester
* Paypal could be a way to collect donations for our cause, details are being finalized
* Fundraiser proposed Chesterfield Inn, June 29, Weds, Katey volunteered to lead this project. Update -
* Calendar of events is not working well. Responsible pipeline calendar drives Weebly Calendar – Walter took the action to tweak website so key people can access to update.

Jeff Epstein, Bernie Sanders Democrat for Burlington County Surrogate asked some of us questions about the GSE and SRL proposals. His knowledge was spotty at best and we did our best to bring him up to date on the issues.