People Over Pipeline (POP) Meeting

Monday Nov 21, 2016

7:00 PM

Friends Meeting House Crosswicks

**Summary of events since last meeting**

**Food and Water Watch is donating $500 to POP**.

**Sierra Club Appreciation day, Nov 20**, Ag and Martha attended and networked with Penn East activists, Environmental Activists and Sierra staff.

Politicians were recognized and awarded for activism and leadership against dirty unnecessary fossil fuel industries. Of note receiving awards were:

* Jill Popko, mayor of Bordentown Twp for her opposition to SRL and GSE
* Chatham Borough Council member **Len Resto** who has been a driving force behind the creation of the Municipal Pipeline Group (MPG), where 15 municipalities have banded together and obtained legal representation to protect their interests in regard to the Pilgrim Pipeline.

New Jersey gubernatorial candidate and former Goldman Sachs executive and former U.S. ambassador to Germany, Phil Murphy spoke and is in opposition of PennEast, GSE and SRL.ban

**Delaware RiverKeepers -**- organized a march on Calhoun Street bridge - they want to make the Delaware River Basin Commissions’ ban on fracking in the basin permanent.

**New Business**

NJ Senate & Assembly bills which are related to GSE and SRL AND politicians supporting them were presented by Christine --- see attachment

We decided POP will focus on soliciting politicians to support 2 initiatives

1. Strike Down (STOP) permit by rule for HDD drilling
2. Request the 100 foot rule for pipelines become a law that cannot be waived

Details on ‘ASK’ and who to focus on will be forthcoming. We will be focusing on like-minded politicians first

Determining if future compressor station (in addition to existing compressor station-on current AECOM plans since mid-summer) – need new round of DEP permits, or is it included/grandfathered in this current DEP permitting round, especially air quality & 401b and dewatering, heck, all of them!!!

Determining if maps submitted to NJDEP flaws

Looking into what watershed we request DEP ambient biological monitoring sites – further discuss at the next meeting--- Blacks Creek, Sucker, Crosswicks Creek at a minimum

DEP said horizontal drilling HDD does not disturb the stream in any way. This NJDEP **permit by rule** must be challenged.

There is Manchester Pediatric day care next to pipeline route, we need to make them aware.

**Calendar**

**November 28 POP meeting – Friends Meeting House,**

**7:00 PM-Crosswicks, NJ**

**December 5 - Bordentown Twp committee meeting**

**7:00PM Municipal Drive, Bordentown Twp**

Twp is fighting GSE/SRL through their legal team. They are over their internally imposed $100K cap for 2016 – please support twp in their continued opposition by attending this meeting and urging them to increase/continue funding. We’ll request room at Bordentown Twp Municipal Bldg, we can meet in after twp meeting to discuss any urgent business

**December 12 POP meeting – Friends Meeting House,**

**7:00 PM-Crosswicks, NJ**

**December 19 POP meeting – Osteria or Chesterfield Inn or Friends Meeting House????**

**7:00 PM- ---Holiday Party**