

People Over Pipelines Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26, 2016 NEXT MEETING Monday, Oct 3

7:00 PM Chesterfield Municipal Meeting

In Attendance:

Alex R

Rita R

Patti C

Jean K

Agnes M

Jack F

Vince C

John K

Carol C

Lisa J

Mike M (remote)

Katie M (remote)

Glenn A

Belinda B

Henry K

Jamie H

Tara M

James Pat S

Martha V

Education Forum Sept 19 at Holy Cross Church went well.

Thank you Rita Romeau for running and MC'ing the Education Forum

Thank you Pastor Dan Sparling for hosting – It was a great success!

Thank you Speakers:

Patti Cronheim – ReThink Energy

Mark Gallagher—Princeton Hydro

Raghu Murthy—Eastern Environmental

Jeff Tittlel—Sierra Club

Agnes Marsala—President POP

Katie Marlin--Resident

Micah Rasmussen—Resident

Martha Veselka—Secretary POP

Update: Rita, Jean and Glen are planning another education forum in another venue-More info on this soon and requests for speakers and volunteers

DEP Hearings (all at Bordentown Reg HS, 318 Ward Ave. Bordentown 08505)

Application by Transco for two (2) Compressor Stations for NJNG SRL

Oct 13, Thursday 4:30pm

Oct 17, Monday 4:30pm

Application by NJNG to install SRL 30" transmission (no laterals) pipeline

Oct 19, Wednesday 4:30pm

Oct 20, Thursday 4:30pm

***It is OK to show up late, hand in your written testimony, distribute your written testimony to media, politicians, EPA (we are working on a concise list of common contacts)

Action

1. Go door to door and ask family and friends to make personal commitment to attend hearings. Make copy of handouts, with meeting times, and ask them to commit to two meetings. Take a red marker and ask the person to take a red marker and circle which ones they are willing to go to. Get them to COMMIT! We are fighting for our kids, and our future. Bring your kids to the event.
2. Tell affected/concerned businesses and ask them to come and testify
3. Facebook Blast
4. E-mail Blast via Responsible-Pipeline
5. Outreach to towns east of North Hanover –
 - a. Attend Manchester Township meeting on Oct 11 6:00 PM
 - b. Volunteer to hand out info in Manchester/Whiting area – See Martha

POP Web site is being updated, <http://www.peopleoverpipelines.com>

Thank you Jen, Ag and Beth Ann

We are aspiring to have a web site like <https://thecostofthepipeline.com>

Web site should be easy to use. There should be section for entry-level people to learn about the pipeline, who are new to the issue.

Environmental Working Group (EWG) 1996 NJ management plan has not been implemented yet The audience asked who is on our side from DEP and government?? There is no overall plan for clean water; Bob Martin is not doing that.

<http://www.wolfenotes.com/2015/08/dep-water-supply-plan-still-buried-in-gov-christies-office/>

Saveh2onj pinelandsalliance_1359.pdf (attached)

Documents we received at meeting

'Flood Hazard Applicability Determination Flood Hazard Control Act N.J.A.C 7:13-1.1 et Seq.' Determination Sept 16, 2016

Summary: DEP determined that a Flood Hazard Area Permit is not required for the pipeline.

Action:

1. Encourage twp attorneys to litigate against the Permit by Rule' PBR
2. Encourage EPA to investigate fitness of NJ DEP with their latest ruling as far as Horizontal Directional Drilling.

State Agriculture Development Committee, Review of Non-Agricultural Development Project in an Agricultural Development Area. Resolution FY2016R4(6) Amended Sept 22, 2016

Summary: The Ocean & Monmouth County ADB found the SRL would not cause adverse effects. Monmouth County indicated that block 53 is open space and they granted NJNG temporary use for the project. Burlington County found project would cause adverse effects and they did receive a NJNG response, which removed a valve site on block 1000 lot 1 in Chesterfield. But added 4 temporary work areas along the route. Then Burlington County CADB staff determined that the pipeline project is acceptable. The State Agricultural Development Commission (SADC) approved SRL.

Coordinated Response Exercise for pipelines. Complimentary training and the opportunity to interact with your local pipeline operators! Your local pipeline and gas distribution companies are hosting a liaison meeting that includes a meal and incident exercises. Program & Venue Information. Oct 13, 2106, 5:30 PM, Nottingham Ballroom-Nottingham Fire Department,

200 Mercer St. Hamilton Twp, NJ. RSVP with webcode V299-BMMM to nj.pipeline-awareness.com

Summary: Critical Emergency response planning information will be presented

-Safety Initiatives

-Leak Recognition and Response

-Defining High Consequence Areas

-Product Hazards and Characteristics

Action: Attend this training to educate yourself on safety measures in case of Gas Leak/Explosion

Potential Acid Producing Material – No Date

Summary: Map of NJ Acid Producing Soil. High Acidity in proposed SRL compressor station area and pipeline area.

Action: Educate yourself on this, the soil in Compressor Station/Pipeline area is Acid Producing, Pipeline and Compressor Station infrastructure is more likely to age and fail unless extra protection is provided and caution is taken. When exposed, oxidation and hydrolysis of the sulfide minerals can produce the damaging sulfuric acid with pHs as low as 2.5, and can damage surrounding infrastructure at accelerated rates.

Status of Litigation against the BPU

There are 7 appeals arising from the BPU's action, plaintiffs (Bordentown Twp, Chesterfield Twp, Sierra Club, Burlington County) requested consolidation of appeals, which only have to do with NJNG.

-NJNG does not have to abide by safety- 2 litigants

-NJNG does not have to abide by municipal land use laws-5 litigants

POP Executive board

Election regulations do not prohibit those running for public office from being on POP Executive Board.

Northern Burlington's FFA get them involved

Action: Ag Follow with Peggy

Share list of experts in Rutgers community

Action: Martha follow with Bill Hlubik