

WARRANTS ON TOWN BALLOTS
Nine towns in alphabetical order

Town of Amherst, NH

ARTICLE 32: Grant Amherst Board of Selectmen Pipeline Intervener Status

Shall the Town authorize the Amherst Board of Selectmen to file with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as an intervener, either by itself or in a coalition with other impacted communities regarding the matter of the proposed Kinder Morgan / Tennessee Pipeline project, in order to present the claims of Amherst residents and property owners and protect their rights?

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)

YES: 2372 NO: 455

PASSED

ARTICLE 39: By Petition

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 7 as proposed by petition as follows:

To amend the Amherst Zoning Ordinance by changing the zoning of the property identified as Tax Map 2, Lot 12-2 from the Residential/Rural Zoning District to the Industrial District.

(The Planning Board voted 3-2-1 to support this article)

YES: 556 NO: 1963

FAILED

Town of Brookline, NH

- 5.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$80,000** to be expended at the discretion of the Selectboard in opposition to the proposed Northeast Energy Direct high pressure gas pipeline and/or to minimize the impact thereof on the land and people of the Town, including, but not limited to, expenditures for legal representation and consultants, land use planning and consultation, public information purposes, administrative and court filing fees, participation in multi-town coalitions, and any and all other expenses reasonably related to opposing said pipeline project and/or mitigating the effects thereof. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020.

Recommended by the Selectboard 4-1

Not Recommended by the Finance Committee 2-1

APPROVED 80 YES and 39 NO BY COUNTED HAND VOTE

- 17.) **(By Petition)** Shall we impose a moratorium on any interstate gas pipeline projects within the Town of Brookline? The moratorium shall be effective immediately upon the vote and shall include, but

not be limited to, land acquisition, surveying, tree removal, or any physical alteration of any land within the Town of Brookline intended for pipeline construction or development.”

APPROVED

18.)(By Petition) “Shall the Town of Brookline vote to oppose approval by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee of the construction and installation of a natural gas pipeline by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) as part of the Northeast Energy Direct Project because the proposal is inconsistent with the basic tenet of individual property rights whereas if approved, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC shall have the power to force private property owners to give up rights under Eminent Domain proceedings in order to create a new corridor for the installation of the pipeline project.”

APPROVED

19.)(By Petition)) “Shall the Town of Brookline vote to oppose approval by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee of the construction and installation of a natural gas pipeline by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) as part of the Northeast Energy Direct Project because the proposal is inconsistent with the Town’s goal of protecting and preserving its aquifers, drinking water including community and private wells, wetlands, streams, and other bodies of water. In addition, the proposal to extract water to use in drilling or other operations, whether from a body of water or well, is inconsistent with the Town’s goal to protect such waters.”

APPROVED

Town of Fitzwilliam, NH

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town of Fitzwilliam will adopt the following resolution regarding the proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company LLC project (the Northeast Energy Direct Project “Project”) to construct and operate a 30-36 inch design capacity high pressure natural gas pipeline through the Town of Fitzwilliam projected to be co-located with a Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), now known as Eversource high voltage power transmission corridor, to wit:

Whereas, because of the adverse impacts construction, operation and maintenance of the Project will have on the Town of Fitzwilliam, its historic, rural character and aesthetics; the threat the project poses to Town surface waters, groundwater aquifers, wetlands, lakes, ponds, rivers and streams; the threat of contamination of Town water supplies and the water wells of Town citizens; the threat to Town recreational and conservation areas; the threat of the taking Town and private property by eminent domain; and the threat to the economic well-being and tax base of the Town and to the property values of property owners; the threat to the health and safety of the Town residents and property posed by a large capacity high pressure gas pipeline carrying flammable liquid natural gas in close proximity to high voltage power transmission lines; and,

Whereas, the Project violates the carefully crafted letter and spirit of the 2012 Fitzwilliam New Hampshire Master Plan which bears the theme: “Growth is inevitable and desirable, but the destruction of community character is not. The question is not whether your part of the world is going to change. The question is how”; and,

Whereas, the Project violates the carefully crafted provisions of the Town of Fitzwilliam Planning and Zoning Ordinances; and,

Whereas, the Project, because the preemptive effect of Chapter RSA 162-H, Energy Facility Evaluation, Siting, Construction and Operation, violates the inherent right of the people of the Town of Fitzwilliam to govern their own community, including, without limitation, the rights guaranteed by Article 1 of the New Hampshire Constitution-Bill of Rights that all government of right originates from the people, is founded in consent, and is instituted for the general good; and

Whereas, the people of the Town of Fitzwilliam find that the construction of the Project violates the rights of the people of the Town of Fitzwilliam, their environment and neighborhoods by threatening their health, safety and welfare; and,

Whereas, by the adoption of this Warrant, the voters of the Town of Fitzwilliam direct the Board of Selectmen to challenge the Project in such judicial, legislative and administrative bodies, both federal and state, as have jurisdiction over the project because:

- 1.** Construction, operation and maintenance of the Project will include drilling, blasting, rock crushing and excavation using heavy equipment and trucks, causing the contamination of surface and ground water from blasting emulsions and compounds; air contamination from dust and debris; and air contamination from diesel exhaust from crushers, heavy equipment and trucks; and,
- 2.** Construction, operation and maintenance of the Project threatens injury and damage to the health and safety of Town residents and their property because of the proximity of a large high pressure gas pipeline carrying flammable natural gas to high voltage power transmission lines; and,
- 3.** Operation and maintenance of the Project threatens injury and damage to wildlife and indigenous plants and trees because of the use of herbicides and poisons in the pipeline right of way both from air born transmission and from leaching into surface and ground waters; and,
- 4.** Construction, operation and maintenance of the Project threatens injury and damage to the irreplaceable historical and rural character of the Town and aesthetics of the Town, in violation of the letter and spirit of the 2012 Fitzwilliam Master Plan, and Town Planning and Zoning Ordinances; and,
- 5.** Construction, operation and maintenance of the Project threatens adverse impacts on Town lakes, rivers, streams, brooks, estuaries, wetlands, surface and ground waters; and,
- 6.** Construction, operation and maintenance of the Project threatens adverse impacts to Town forest lands, recreational and conservation areas; and,
- 7.** Construction, operation and maintenance of the Project will require the involuntary taking of Town property by the pipeline company, including precious conservation and recreation property, by eminent domain in violation of Article 12- a of the New Hampshire Constitution the provision that property cannot be taken for private use; and,

8. Construction, operation and maintenance of the Project will require the involuntary taking of private property by the pipeline company by eminent domain in violation of Article 12-a of the New Hampshire Constitution the provision that property cannot be taken for private use; and,

9. Construction, operation and maintenance of the Project threatens the economic well-being and aggregate tax base of the Town.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Fitzwilliam, acting through its Board of Selectmen, shall undertake such action as necessary to protect the Town of Fitzwilliam from the threat to the Town of Fitzwilliam's right to govern the conduct of projects within its borders and to protect the Town and its residents from the adverse impacts of the Project in such judicial, legislative and administrative bodies, both federal and state, as have jurisdiction in the matter, or take any action thereon.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE – OVERWHELMING MAJORITY

Town of Greenville, NH

Article 17. By Petition. Whereas the proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) high-pressure natural gas pipeline project is inconsistent with the basic principle of individual property rights, in that, if approved, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC – a for-profit corporation - would have the power to force private property owners to give up rights under eminent domain proceedings in order to create a new corridor for the installation of the pipeline project,

and whereas the proposal is inconsistent with the Town's goal of protecting and preserving its aquifers and drinking water, including community and private wells, wetlands, streams, and other bodies of water, in that local water would be extracted, polluted, and reintroduced during drilling or other operations, and in that blasting would affect rock formations essential to maintaining groundwater and wells,

and whereas the town's emergency and maintenance services would be grossly inadequate to cope with the effects of a catastrophic accident involving the pipeline, the Town of Greenville resolves to oppose approval by the NH Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee of the construction and installation of a natural gas pipeline by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) as part of the Northeast Energy Direct Project.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUS

Town of Mason, NH

Article 12: To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all reasonable and prudent actions to oppose the proposed Northeast Energy Direct high pressure gas pipeline, lateral line, and appurtenances, and all reasonable and prudent actions necessary to mitigate the impact thereof on the land and people of the Town of Mason. Such actions may include but are not limited to participating directly in all Federal and State regulatory processes related to such pipeline project, joining in coalition with the selectmen of other affected New Hampshire towns in opposing or mitigating the effects of the proposed project, and hiring legal professionals and consultants to advise and appear on behalf of the Town of Mason

in regulatory and/or judicial proceedings related thereto. This authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUS

Article 13: To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen in opposition to the proposed Northeast Energy Direct high pressure gas pipeline, lateral line, and appurtenances, and/or to minimize the impact thereof on the land and people of the Town of Mason, including but not limited to expenditures for legal representation and consultants, land use planning and zoning consultation, public information purposes, administrative and court filing fees, participation in multi-town coalitions, and any and all other expenses reasonably related to opposing said pipeline project and/or mitigating the effects thereof. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32-7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2018. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUS

Town of Richmond, NH

Petitioned Article 54. Whereas: The proposed construction, installation and long term use, of a natural gas pipeline, by Tennessee Gas Company, as part of their "Northeast Energy Direct Project" is inconsistent with Richmond's Master Plan to:

- a. Protect and preserve the water quality in all our sources of water from contaminants that would enter our aquifers;
- b. Protect our wildlife (including but not limited to the federally protected species) and their migration patterns;
- c. Preserve land for forests, woodlands, wetlands, trails and open spaces available for recreation;
- d. Preserve and protect our rural character; scenic roads, roadside trees, stone walls and any historic sites and artifacts;
- e. Preserve the peace and quietude of rural living;
- f. Maintain a healthy living atmosphere for both humans and wildlife, in Richmond and wider region;
- g. Maintain our rural aesthetics by not disturbing pristine or recreational forests, trails, woodlands, and wetlands
or from clear-cutting a hundred twenty foot wide path for the construction of said pipeline;
- h. Maintain the Town's ability not to provide or be responsible for, the required equipment, personnel and/or funds
for emergency services that can/would adequately address potential health, safety, fire, explosions and other risks that this proposal presents;
- i. Minimize an adverse impact upon the Town's property values;

1. To see if the Town of Richmond will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to deny permission to any entity, to enter, or walk upon, or inspect any Town of Richmond, NH, town-owned lands, including: roads, cemeteries, buildings, forests, ponds, wetlands, skies, aquifer, bridges, brooks, and all other Town properties, with the intent to perform any surveys, for the purpose of planning, or in any way furthering any pipeline infrastructure, or any project, that would involve the use of, or any action that would require the

transportation of volatile, or hazardous materials, or taking of private lands; And to see if the Town of Richmond will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to stand in opposition to TGP's high pressure pipeline and not allow it within our town borders; And to see if the Town of Richmond will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to call on our state and federal legislators and executive branch officials to enact legislation and take such other actions as are necessary to disallow such projects that go against our commitments to life, the environment, our economic well-being, and our bodily safety, and, instead, to legislate more stringent energy efficiency and further exploration of and subsidies for renewable energy sources.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE – OVERWHELMING MAJORITY

Article 55. Petitioned Article. Whereas almost 100% of Richmond households depend solely on surface, ground and bedrock water for their water needs and since the well owner is solely responsible for the wellbeing of their well from a variety of threats; and

Whereas commercial drilling, blasting and high pressure hydro-fracking poses threat to our wells; and

Whereas commercial use of any of our water sources poses a lethal risk to our wells.

We hereby direct the Selectmen to enforce Richmond's Wetlands and Aquifer Protection ordinances applicable to any individual or entity, from using or spraying any toxic or poisonous materials on any of Richmond's surface waters, including any water, waterways, lakes, ponds, cisterns, rivers, streams, brooks and springs, or any ground or bedrock waters including underground springs, wells and aquifers, for use by any commercial entity, other than use for safety issues, within the town of Richmond, NH, without permission and proper permitting by the proper State of NH agencies.

We also direct the Selectmen to enforce Richmond's Wetlands and Aquifer Protection ordinances applicable to any individual or entity from taking, any of Richmond's surface waters, including any water, waterways, lakes, ponds, cisterns, rivers, streams, brooks and springs, or any ground or bedrock waters including underground springs, wells and aquifers that exceeds the needs of a normal household, for export out of the Town of Richmond's borders.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE – OVERWHELMING MAJORITY

Article 57. To hear any reports of Agents, Committees, etc. heretofore chosen and to take any action thereon.

Resolution: The Voluntary Energy and Environmental Committee strongly discourages the current proposed pipeline or any other proposal, that encourages the transport of any product that is reliant on high pressure fracking or has need for high volume compression stations, because it supports:

- Creation of extreme amount of toxic contamination and emissions at the extraction sites and compression stations put the health and well-being of our fellow citizens at risk;
- Fracking of the earth shows the possibility of a link to increased seismic activity;
- Extraction and use of fossil fuels perpetuate the production of greenhouse gasses and stifle the expansion of the development of cleaner and greener energy production; and
- The true cost of the product is cloaked with tariffs, usage fees that are not regulated and therefore the cost is ultimately unknown. The Voluntary Energy and Environmental Committee asks that this resolution statement be added to the warrant of the Town Meeting 2015 so that can be used for guidance of any actions or decisions of any Municipal Boards or Committees.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE – OVERWHELMING MAJORITY

Town of Rindge, NH

20. Shall the Town of Rindge vote to oppose approval by the NH Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee of the construction and installation of a natural gas pipeline by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) as part of the Northeast Energy Direct Project because the proposal is inconsistent with the basic tenet of individual property rights whereas if approved, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company LLC shall have the power to force private property owners to give up rights under Eminent Domain proceedings in order to create a new corridor for the installation of the pipeline project? (Submitted by Petition). A “yes” vote would direct the Selectmen to actively oppose approval of the pipeline project on the grounds that the approval allows a private corporation, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) to construct, install, and maintain a pipeline located in a new utility corridor in Rindge that could include private property taken through Federal eminent domain proceedings.

PASSED: 848 YES to 342 NO

21. Shall the Town of Rindge vote to oppose approval by the NH Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee of the construction and installation of a natural gas pipeline by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) as part of the Northeast Energy Direct Project because the proposal is inconsistent with the Town’s goal of protecting its aquifers, drinking water including community and private wells, wetlands, streams and other bodies of water. In addition, the proposal to extract water to use in drilling or other operations, whether from a body of water or well, is inconsistent with the Town’s goal to protect such waters? (Submitted by Petition). A “yes” vote would direct the Selectmen to actively oppose approval of the pipeline project on the grounds that approval allows a private corporation, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) to possibly endanger our sources of drinking water, wetlands, streams, and other bodies of water during the construction, installation, and maintenance of a pipeline in Rindge.

PASSED: 847 YES to 348 NO

22. Shall the Town of Rindge vote to deny permission to the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company), its representatives, contractors, sub-contractors, or associates to enter any Town-owned property, including but not limited to Converse Meadow, to perform surveys in furtherance of a pipeline infrastructure project. Any such physical entry onto Town-owned property will be considered unauthorized, and treated as trespass and prosecuted as such? (Submitted by Petition). A “yes” vote would direct the Selectmen to continue to deny permission to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC or anyone representing them access to Town-owned properties. This action was originally approved unanimously by the Selectmen on Dec 4, 2014 until a vote of the Town could be taken.

PASSED: 853 YES to 348 NO

Town of Troy, NH

Warrant Article No. 1: To see if the town will vote to oppose installation of a natural gas pipeline by Kinder Morgan because the proposal is inconsistent with individual property rights because if approved,

KM would have the power to force private property owners to give up easement rights under Eminent Domain proceedings for installation of the pipeline project.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUS

Warrant Article No. 2: To see if the town will vote to oppose installation of a natural gas pipeline by Kinder Morgan because the proposal is inconsistent with protecting the Town's groundwater, residential wells, other bodies of water, local vegetation, wildlife and threatened species.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUS

Warrant Article No. 3: To see if the town will vote to oppose installation of a natural gas pipeline by Kinder Morgan because the proposal is inconsistent with preserving the Town's rural character, scenic roads, roadside trees, stone walls, forests, woodlands, wetlands, and open-space areas for recreational purposes.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUS

Warrant Article No. 4: To see if the town will vote to oppose installation of a natural gas pipeline by Kinder Morgan because the proposal would adversely affect health and safety by causing construction materials, soil, dust, and potential contaminants to enter the air, wetland areas and/or groundwater, aquifers, drinking water, along with residential wells and any run-off or seasonal melts.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUS

Warrant Article No. 5: To see if the town will vote to oppose installation of a natural gas pipeline by Kinder Morgan because the Town lacks the required equipment or personnel for emergency services to adequately address potential health and safety risks of a pipeline explosion, leak or other malfunctions.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUS

Warrant Article No. 6: To see if the town will vote to oppose installation of a natural gas pipeline by Kinder Morgan because the proposal is inconsistent with the Town's goal of keeping the Troy Mills Landfill Superfund Site environmentally secure regarding surface water, monitoring wells, wetlands, air and soil.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUS

Town of Winchester, NH

ARTICLE 23.

Shall the Town of Winchester vote to oppose approval by the NH Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee of the construction and installation of a natural gas pipeline by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) as part of the Northeast Energy Direct Project because the proposal is inconsistent with the basic tenet of individual property rights whereas if approved, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC shall have the power to force private property owners to give up rights under Eminent Domain proceedings in order to create a new corridor for the installation of the pipeline project. (Inserted By Petition)

PASSED: 374 YES to 225 NO

ARTICLE 24.

Shall the Town of Winchester vote to oppose approval by the NH Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee of the construction and installation of a natural gas pipeline by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) as part of the Northeast Energy Direct Project because the proposal is inconsistent with the Town's goal of protecting and preserving its aquifers, drinking water including community and private wells, wetlands, streams, and other bodies of water. In addition, the proposal to extract water to use in drilling or other operations, whether from a body of water or well, is inconsistent with the Town's goal to protect such waters.

(Inserted By Petition)

PASSED: 386 YES to 211 NO

ARTICLE 25.

Shall the Town of Winchester vote to deny permission to the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company), its representatives, contractors, sub-contractors, or associates to enter any Town-owned property to perform surveys in furtherance of a pipeline infrastructure project. Any such physical entry onto Town owned property will be considered unauthorized, and treated as trespass and prosecuted as such.

(Inserted By Petition)

PASSED: 386 YES to 203 NO