

## **PENNEAST PIPELINE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE**

**City Pipeline Committee of Lambertville  
City Hall, 8 am  
5/24/17 Meeting Notes**

### **Present**

Committee members: Mayor Dave (by phone), Dave Fournier, Filomena Hengst, Kelly Kappler, and Kim Nagy

Members of the public: Michael Heffler

### **Minutes**

Mayor Dave suggests we look at next level permits and group them into actions where some people attend meetings (if they are public) and some people write letters. Committee agreed with this approach.

David F. have been working with Pam Witmer At Suez. They haven't gotten further. They have been talking with them regarding the easement and PennEast has sent generic responses.

Kelly asked, Were there further thoughts after the town meeting? David F responded that there were a lot of further thoughts.

Mayor Dave said he felt he needed to speak up at the May 2 meeting, because Suez has been very sharing of information. David F said we appreciate that and pointed out that even Jeff Tittel backed them up on that as well. David F said, being a public water supplier for the city, they should be visible and involved. Yet, they are not an activist agency, they are a private company.

Mayor Dave asked David F, "Have you had anyone internally review how they will build it?" (blasting, etc.) David F. responded yes. He said, in the first 6 months, they hovered over at the 500 ft level (distance from the dam). PennEast says they are not going to blast but they are out there trying other methods and if that doesn't work, they will blast. Mayor Dave shared growing up in Dover, his house would shake 8 miles away when they tested, so blasting is concerning. David F said that they did not want to consider asking PennEast to move as to not affect other landowners. The committee felt that moving the route should be looked at more aggressively.

Mayor Dave said that someone should have a conversation with Dr. Foster to see if any there any permits that include public participation. Filomena said she thinks we should meet with DEP. David F. said that Suez determined they need to sit down with DEP. Michael Heffler shared that at the last NJR shareholders' meeting, it was the first time they didn't mention PennEast. Mayor Dave remarked that we still have to be vigilant. The committee discussed contacting Senator Booker and Menendez to vote no.

Mayor Dave wondered if FERC does things at risk until the other permits are attained. Michael Heffler says that they can complete surveying before they purchase the land. The committee discussed that surveying is only one piece of the puzzle, we need to meet with DEP to determine the next permits.

Kelly suggested we send out an email to the listserv to go to the DRBC public hearings. There will be 6 but they haven't been posted yet.

Mayor Dave reminded the committee that we were always going to lose at FERC. He remarked that it used to be called the Federal Power Authority. All of the people appointed to it are in the industry. It was a gift that it took longer at the FERC level.

David F commended the committee for their comments to FERC and pointing out important issues. Michael Heffler mentioned that there is stress on homeowners. One question is can the DEP stop them from doing tree clearing. United Water SUEZ sold off a lot land to NJDEP and how do they feel about this about the pipeline being so close to their protected land. Just because they are going through the easement, there are other impacts from other stakeholders; adjacent landowners. Approach BPU to comment. Kelly presented the idea to pass a ban on fracking at the Lambertville City resolution. There is proposed language written from Pennsylvania. At DEP meeting, get should clarity on what PennEast is being required to do and how PennEast understands that. For example, arsenic is not anywhere in the DEP's concerns yet we know it is an important issue.

#### **Next meeting**

Wednesday, June 21 at 8 AM