

PENNEAST PIPELINE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE

Meeting on Monday, September 18, 2017
5 PM at City Hall, York St, Lambertville

Committee members present: Gina Fischetti, Kelly Kappler, Michael Heffler, Filomena Hengst, and Meagan Warner

Members of the public: none

Notes:

- Michael Heffler and resident Liz Magill Peer will be meeting with the West Amwell police on their own (for HALT and Indivisible) to gain clarity on their policies regarding PennEast. They are also working on an op-ed to submit to Hunterdon County Democrat, Buck Herald, Trenton Times, Hopewell News, Star Ledger, Mercer Me, and John Gatusso (environmental newsletter); they will send it to the committee for review.

- Kelly shared that there is an open commenting period for Army Corp of Engineers. She will get started on a comment from our city focusing on water quality and heavy haul roads. She will also provide guidance for DEP comments when the open period begins.

- Committee would like to issue a response if the FERC certificate is granted. See below:

“The FERC Certificate was issued on _____. This begins the process of Federal approval which will likely occur in 30-90 days, followed by eminent domain. As expressed in our previous filings with FERC, the Lambertville City Pipeline Committee stands by our assertion that there is no need for additional gas supplied by the PennEast Pipeline. Our concerns remain regarding the close proximity of construction to our reservoir and main water pipe, the effects on water quality in the Delaware River Canal which is a main drinking water source, the impact of proposed heavy haul roads, and the effect on important bird areas.”

- The committee would like to host a rally in Lambertville in October starting at Cavallo, marching up to Main Street and ending at the lot behind CVS. The main message is that the fight is starting now and PennEast threatens Lambertville’s drinking water, tourism and more. The discussion involved music, food trucks, puppets, and sign making. Possible dates include October 15, 21, 22, 29 at 2 PM.

- Since Halloween is a big event in town, the committee discussed ideas to put statistics related to PennEast on tombstones outside City Hall with a possible epitaph contest. Also possible city wide contest to put PennEast into your decorations with an award.

Next meeting date: October 18 at 5 PM