

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

**City Pipeline Committee of Lambertville
City Hall, 8 am
2/8/17 Draft Meeting Notes**

Present

Committee members: Mayor Dave Delvecchio, Filomena Hengst, Kelly Kappler, Kim Nagy, Lauren Rosenthal McManus, Councilman Wardell Sanders, and Meagan Warner

Members of the public: none

Meeting Notes

The meeting began at 8:05 am. Mayor Dave updated the committee on his conference call with League of Municipalities and Department of Transportation (DOT) in response to the letter he initiated inquiring about whether the PennEast trucks would be in violation of the existing truck ban on Rt. 29. Because the trucks will be doing pickup and delivery, it appears they are not in violation of existing Rt. 29 truck ban. However, overweight trucks will have to get special permits from DOT. Also, because Rt. 518 is a county road, they have to get approval from the county of Hunterdon. Since they probably can't use normal tractor trailers to carry these pipes; they will be oversized trucks. They will have to get special permits from the county.

The conversation will be started with the county engineer regarding these permits. DOT said the permits would be issued (or not issued) with no public comment and that they have to satisfy various criteria, including weight, inches, and sizes of trucks. Lauren asked the question of who monitors the route. It is then discussed by Ward, Lauren, and Mayor Dave that the violation of that permit using those routes is actionable—if we start seeing deviations from the route, we could take action to report.

The minutes from 1/25/17 were approved with no changes.

Filomena and Ward shared that the committee pipeline table at the corner of Bridge and Union St. during Winterfest helped us build our listserv and was met with positive support from the people passing by. David Fournier also stopped by at the table.

Filomena shared that there was a HALT PennEast Monthly Meeting 1/25 which Judy attended. The focus was on eminent domain.

Filomena shared that she and Kelly attended an online webinar called “Economic Costs of the PennEast Pipeline” on 1/26. Key Log Analytics was hired by the Delaware Riverkeepers to analyze the economic impacts of the PennEast Pipeline. The full report for the [webinar](#) can be found at the embedded link (see PDF p.5 for the Executive Summary highlights).

Filomena shared that Congressman Lance made a [Statement](#) on 1/24/17 in support of the Keystone XL and Dakota Access Projects. Ward pointed out that supporting oil pipelines out west does not necessarily translate to support of gas pipelines in his district. Meagan shared that when Congressman Lance was questioned about his stance on the PennEast Pipeline, he said nothing further but reiterated that he already made a statement.

Filomena announced that resignation of Norman Bay from FERC effective was February 3 with a flurry of pipeline projects approved. She also shared that she called FERC and they confirmed they cannot take action on new pipelines until the quorum is met. Ward inquired about the process for approving a new commissioner and Filomena shared that s/he would have to be nominated by President Trump and approved by the Senate. No nomination has been announced at this time.

Filomena shared that Kelly emailed an article about the New Jersey Resources Corp (NJR) urged to [withdraw 20% stake](#). Members of HALT PennEast, including Michael Heffler (Lambertville resident who is also publishing anti-PennEast articles in the local newspaper), spoke up at the meeting in Wall, NJ as shareholders.

The committee discussed upcoming events. They confirmed the public event of May 2 at 7 PM works for everyone present. Lauren, Kim, and Meagan will manage our table at Shadfest. We will be located near the Chamber of Commerce's booth. The committee shared ideas for the Shadfest table. It was recommended by Lauren that we include an action item at the table. Mayor Dave recommended we include information about the May 2 event. Ward recommended we include a one-page "Why not?" information sheet. Kim recommended we include flyers like those from our meeting in the Fall. Ward added that SWAG might be a good addition. Filomena announced a tabling event on March 19 at Prallsville Mill and Meagan agreed to man the table for our committee.

Filomena announced some of the upcoming action alerts, including Citizen Analyst, Citizen Scientist, action related to the Kidder Compressor Station and the March 15 DRBC meeting. She asked if anyone has feedback about how the committee meetings are going. Ward mentioned that the next focus would be on planning the May 2 event, including inviting the Rate Counsel. Filomena suggested we follow up with Suez. The next committee meeting is March 1. The meeting ended at 9:01 am.