



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

November 24, 2014

7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

In Attendance

- Bob Dillberger
- Bob Laroche
- Barbara Devore
- Liz Fletcher
- Ann Moser
- Anna Faiello

This special session was held to discuss the planned natural gas pipeline project of Kinder Morgan and Tennessee Natural Gas (currently known as the “Northeast Energy Direct” project or NED) routed in part through southern New Hampshire, including Mason.

After a presentation about the project and discussion, Bob D. presented the following written motion:

Because the pipeline project proposed by Kinder Morgan and associated companies furthers the nation’s investment in and reliance on natural gas obtained through hydrofracking, an environmentally destructive and unsustainable practice,

Because the pipeline by virtue of excessive capacity is clearly intended to supply gas primarily for export and is therefore only incidentally of benefit to NH citizens,

Because the pipeline plan calls in part for herbicide use, even within wetlands, to keep the right-of-way clear, such protracted use being potentially harmful to the environment in general and Mason’s water supply in particular,

Because burying the pipeline will in Mason required extensive blasting that could adversely affect private wells, the town’s only source of drinking water,

Because of the potential loss of or disturbance to designated conservation lands and known uncommon wildlife habitat along the pipeline route,

Because the pipeline extends New Hampshire’s use of fossil fuel with the potential to further degrade the planet’s atmosphere through carbon and greenhouse gas emission,

And because further investment in fossil fuel infrastructure directly contradicts the course of action outlined in “The New Hampshire Climate Action Plan” aimed at reducing carbon emissions in the state by 80% compared to 1990 levels by the year 2050,

I move that the Mason Conservation Commission oppose the Northeast Energy Direct project.

The motion passed unanimously.