

RESOLUTION BY THE BOLTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

WHEREAS, Bolton is bisected by a 10" natural gas pipeline, which is more than 35 years old, that is operated by Tennessee Gas Pipeline LLC, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, Inc. ("Kinder Morgan"); and

WHEREAS, Kinder Morgan has proposed a new 30" high-pressure gas pipeline through northern Massachusetts as part of a proposed Northeast Direct Energy Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS the Project also proposes a new 12" natural gas pipeline to be installed in Bolton and neighboring towns connecting the existing Bolton pipeline with a location on the Worcester-Shrewsbury line (the "Worcester Lateral"); and

WHEREAS Kinder Morgan has identified properties in Bolton that it intends the Worcester Lateral to cross but has declined to provide the Town of Bolton with detailed and current information on the route it is proposing; and

WHEREAS, it appears that Kinder Morgan is proposing that the Worcester Lateral cross some of the most historic, scenic and environmentally sensitive farmland and open space in Bolton including conservation land owned by the Town of Bolton; and

WHEREAS, a high-pressure gas pipeline, by its nature, carries the potential for leak, rupture or devastating explosion causing untold damage to property and lives; and,

WHEREAS, the Project and the Worcester Lateral will destroy large amounts of forest, wetlands, conservation land and farmland, and require maintenance in perpetuity of a 30-50 foot right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Worcester Lateral will adversely affect property values, adversely affect residents' livelihood and otherwise negatively impact the integrity of the town's scenic character; and

WHEREAS, our energy challenges are better addressed through investments in energy conservation measures as well as green and renewable energy solutions; and

WHEREAS, Bolton and our neighboring communities have adopted comprehensive master plans, zoning bylaws, wetlands bylaws and other land use controls to provide for the orderly development of our communities and the conservation and protection of our communities for future generations to come, as good stewards of the land should; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of environmental threats to our forests and streams from improvident development is the fundamental purpose for the adoption of our land use controls and master plans; and

WHEREAS, Bolton and our neighboring communities have publicly and privately set aside large tracts of land and restricted their development for conservation and open space purposes as part of their master plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of Bolton hereby declare they:

Stand in opposition to Kinder Morgan's Northeast Direct Energy Project and to the Worcester Lateral; and

Stand in opposition to all similar projects that may be later proposed; and

Stand in opposition to any efforts to locate any portion of the Worcester Lateral within Bolton's borders; and

Will participate in and provide comments to any scoping meetings held by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with regard to the Worcester Lateral, that question the need for the new pipeline and that identify alternative routes outside of Bolton; and

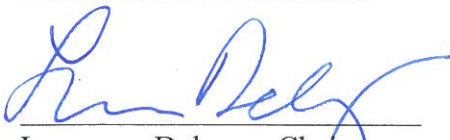
Will seek to intervene in any proceeding before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission which seeks a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience with regard to the Worcester Lateral and oppose Kinder Morgan's application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of Bolton hereby call upon our State and Federal legislators and executive branch officers:

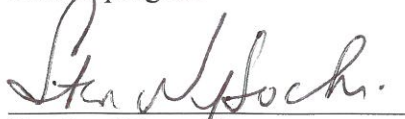
To enact legislation and take any such other actions as are necessary to oppose such energy projects that go against our commitment to public safety, the environment, our economic well-being and sense of community.

This 28th day of August, in the year 2014.

Bolton Board of Selectmen


Lawrence Delaney, Chairman


Mark Sprague


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