

NH Municipal Pipeline Coalition

November 2015 Update

- Organized in January 2015. Member towns include Amherst, Brookline, Fitzwilliam, Greenville, Litchfield, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, New Ipswich, Pelham, Richmond, Rindge, Temple, Troy & Winchester.
- Mission is to gather knowledge and work collaboratively on behalf of municipalities and the public on issues concerning the proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Pipeline and its effect on our communities.
- NHMPC has met with Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Kelly Ayotte, Representative Ann McLane Kuster, Representative Frank Guinta and Governor Maggie Hassan to discuss their views on NED, encourage their active participation in the review of the project and understand the reasons for our opposition to the pipeline.
- NHMPC has met with NH State Representatives to discuss proposed legislation regarding the pipeline.
- NHMPC members have met with industry experts including Spectra Energy, Portland Natural Gas Transmission Systems, Liberty Utilities, Kinder Morgan to gather information and understand the need for additional gas and alternatives to NED.
- NHMPC has interviewed and selected legal counsel to represent our communities with the NH PUC, NH SEC, FERC and others during the pipeline review and approval process.
- NHMPC met with Eric Tomasi, FERC Project Manager, prior to scoping meetings to discuss the FERC process and how our communities can be best represented.
- NHMPC coordinated member municipality messaging at FERC Scoping Meetings held at three Southern NH locations.
- NHMPC has ongoing dialog with FERC, our congressional delegation and NH state officials and other organizations on issues regarding NED.
- NHMPC representatives participated in a two part business segment on WMUR to discuss reasons for our opposition to the NED Pipeline.
- NHMPC is involved in outreach to other coalitions and is working toward a “Super Coalition” to include municipalities in MA, NH & NY.
- NHMPC is currently working on:
 - Communications to support Representative Kuster’s call for FERC to combine the many alternative proposals for additional natural gas pipeline capacity in New England into one consolidated review.
 - Communications to address the documented health issues associated with Compressor Stations as substantiated in a study of Minisink, NY.
 - Review and participation in the NH PUC & SEC process.
 - Review of the much anticipated report from Maura Healey, MA Attorney General, on the region’s electricity needs and natural gas capacity.

We would like to schedule a meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Richard Kanoff, our attorney, to discuss our progress and legal strategy for 2016 and associated Warrant Articles for legal and related expenses. We ask that this discussion be Non-Public as it will contain privileged and confidential legal strategy.