

SHREWSBURY PIPELINE INFORMATION SESSION

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Shrewsbury Public Library, Meeting Room A

PIPELINE



Should I be concerned about this Spectra Access Northeast pipeline proposed for Shrewsbury?

Find out at this Information Session!

With its Access Northeast project, Spectra Energy is proposing to build a 16-inch high pressure gas pipeline called the West Boylston Lateral through nine towns: Medway, Milford, Upton, Grafton, Millbury, Sutton, **Shrewsbury**, Boylston, and West Boylston. It will cut through 5 miles (seen by bold line in the picture) of Shrewsbury with 400 landowners as abutters to the pipeline!

There's No Financing Plan: Our Risk, Their Reward

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court recently declared it unlawful for Massachusetts to force residential electricity customers to subsidize the construction of private gas pipelines through the so-called "pipeline tax" on their electric bills. The ruling instead will now make the companies themselves shoulder the substantial risks of such projects.

It's Unnecessary and Expensive: We Do NOT Need the Gas

A study commissioned by Attorney General Maura Healey's office last year confirmed that there are cleaner and cheaper ways to meet our electrical reliability needs than building out new gas infrastructure.

It's Not Really About Us Anyway

The pipeline would have so much excess capacity that it's likely to be used to ship gas to Canadian LNG export terminals for export to the rest of the world which would raise the price of gas to international levels.

It Will Lower Property Values

Pipelines can lower the value of your property 10-30% by increasing the easement corridor and restricting the use of your land. Moreover, they can negatively affect mortgages and homeowner insurance.

It's Dangerous - our Neighbors, High School, and Water Supply will be in the 'Blast/Incineration' Zone

All gas pipelines eventually leak and they can explode; from 1994-2013, over 1,238 significant incidents have happened nationwide, costing over \$1.7 billion in property damage.

It's Toxic and Bad for the Environment

Natural Gas contains over 60 neurotoxins, carcinogens and endocrine disruptors; moreover, gas from the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania and West Virginia contains radon.

It's Part of the Climate Change Problem, NOT the Solution

Natural Gas is a fossil fuel, contributing significantly to climate change. Erroneously considered a "bridge fuel," gas from the point of extraction to the point of use is as damaging to the climate as coal.

It Impacts Significant Town Landmarks along the Path of the Pipeline (listed from South to North):

Lake Quinsigamond / Flint Pond, Rt 20, Rt 9, Old Mill Pond, Main St, St. John's High School, I-290, Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury's Water Supply, Newton Pond

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