

I am reaching out to the Merrimack Town Council to voice my concerns regarding the proposed Tennessee Gas pipeline. I live at 48 Camp Sargent Road and have lived at this address for many years. Mine was one of the first homes built in Camp Sargent Acres. I raised two sons here. This is our family home. My property abuts the power lines where Tennessee Gas wants to lay their pipeline.

The first piece of correspondence I received regarding the pipeline was dated December 12, 2014. This was a three page letter from Tennessee Gas explaining what they wanted to do and that my property was directly affected. As a Merrimack taxpayer being "directly" affected, I was surprised that my town had not sent me some kind of notice about this as I am sure you were notified long before I was.

I work two jobs so was unable to make the January 29th meeting personally, but was able to watch it. I learned from that one meeting to be extremely frightened by this proposal and feel that the Town of Merrimack needs to fight hard.

This situation is real to me. I am going to be forced to relocate. I recently refinanced and have been working on updating my home and making repairs. Of course that will stop now. The proposed pipeline route is going to be life altering to me and I really do not feel that there is a strong enough fight being given to protect those who are directly affected. I am frightened by the fact that the "Kinder Morgan people" have not responded to your request for a meeting here in Merrimack, but not surprised. There is a deadline in March and they have nothing to lose by this, but a lot to gain by dragging their feet.

Obviously I am strongly against the pipeline in Merrimack. While it seems there are a small amount of us directly affected in relation to the entire town, this really affects everyone. We have a beautiful town and people move here not because our taxes are low. This will ruin Merrimack environmentally-I have no doubt. There will have to be blasting along this proposed route. I know that first hand as I lived in this house while they blasted to put in the Premium Outlet Mall. Also, what will this do to the water aquifer-I understand this proposed pipeline will run right over that. We have great water here-at least right now. Then there is the Horse Hill Nature preserve. A very beautiful place. We are fortunate to have such a place and I for one am grateful to those who worked so hard to ensure we do.

So I am reaching out. Just yesterday someone from Tennessee Gas left something in my front door stating they were here. Since the decision has not been made yet to lay this pipeline along this proposed route, I do not feel I should be speaking with anyone from Tennessee Gas unless this really is a "done deal" and someone knows something I do not. I need to know if the Town Council has retained someone with legal knowledge who can be contacted with questions in relation to eminent domain and what rights the homeowner has. I need to know what I should be doing now. My livelihood is at stake and I feel that I am entirely alone with this.

Regards,

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