

RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
P.O. BOX 733
MAHWAH, NJ

Resolution #315-14

Date: November 13, 2014

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
DiGiulio			X			
Hermansen			X			
Jandris			X			
Larson	X		X			
Sbarra		X	X			
Williams			X			
Roth			X			

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline is proposing a project to install two pipelines to convey petroleum material to and from a refinery in Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, one pipeline will carry crude oil from a terminal in Albany, New York to the refinery in Linden, New Jersey and the other will carry refined finished product from the refinery back to Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline will be mostly located in existing right-of-ways and the proposed location in Mahwah is along the Ringwood/Mahwah border right-of-way in the Ramapo Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the proposed right-of-way exists entirely within the New Jersey Highlands Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Mahwah Environmental Commission prepared a report dated October 26, 2014 which has been reviewed by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the report indicates a number of concerns with respect to the proposed pipeline project including loss of habitat, potential for spill, contamination of ground water and contamination of surface water and clean up costs and additional burden on emergency first responder safety and training; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are aware that the significant issue is that the Township of Mahwah sits completely within the Ramapo River Basin and Aquifer system which is a sole source aquifer; and


WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah have determined that the Pilgrim Pipeline Project is not beneficial to the region or to the citizens of the Township of Mahwah.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah as follows:

1. The Township Council formally objects and opposes the Pilgrim Pipeline Project.
2. A copy of this Resolution is to be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which will be the primary permitting agency for this project in order that the objection of the Township is noted.
3. A copy of this Resolution is to be provided to:
 - a. Mahwah's Legislative Team, Senator Gerald Cardinale, Assemblyman Robert Auth and Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi and all legislators within the affected legislative districts.
 - b. United States Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker.
 - c. Congressman E. Scott Garrett.
 - d. Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
 - e. All affected municipalities.
 - f. New Jersey Highlands Council.
 - g. Jim Rilee, Chairman of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council.
 - h. Governor Chris Christie

- i. The New Jersey League of Municipalities
- j. Judy McDonald, Army Corps of Engineers

I hereby certify that this resolution consisting of three pages was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah, 13th day of November, 2014.


Kathrine Coviello RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk


John F. Roth
Council President