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**MOTION – OPPOSITION TO PILGRIM PIPELINE.**

**MOTION BY COUNCIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL** \_\_\_\_\_

That the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor hereby call upon the New York State Thruway Authority to reject use of its right-of-way for the Pilgrim Pipeline; call upon the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) to deny any exception to its Accommodation Plan for said purpose and urge Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature to oppose construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline and its lateral along their current proposed routes through the Town of New Windsor in accordance with the Resolution attached hereto.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MOTION CARRIED:**

**TOWN BOARD AGENDA: December 2, 2015**

**MOTION – RESOLUTION – OPPOSITION TO PILGRIM PIPELINE.**

**MOTION BY COUNCIL**\_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL**\_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings, LLC proposes to build a bi-directional pipeline in close proximity to the New York State Thruway, through Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Greene and Albany counties and in New Jersey, that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, NY and Linden, NJ (the Thruway Corridor alternative); and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Thruway runs through the Town of New Windsor between its eastern and western boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Windsor already hosts petroleum transportation and storage infrastructure including the West Shore Hudson River freight line and a storage and barge terminal on its Hudson River shoreline; and

**WHEREAS**, a lateral offshoot from the proposed Pilgrim pipeline is planned to travel east from the New York State Thruway right-of-way to the Global Storage Facility on the Hudson River in the Town of New Windsor to carry refined petroleum products; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Transportation’s Pipeline Hazardous Material Safety Administration, pipeline operators have reported numerous spills and significant incidents nation-wide, resulting in over 44 million gallons of oil being spilled between 2003 and 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Windsor residents who do not receive municipal water service depend on ground water from individual wells for potable water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pilgrim Pipeline is proposed to be laid in areas containing aquifers upon which residents depend for drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed route of the pipeline crosses and re-crosses the Quassaick Creek, a sensitive ecological area in Town of New Windsor; and

**WHEREAS**, any rupture or compromise of the proposed pipeline and lateral, even without an explosion or fire, will require extraordinary cleanup efforts, could force residents from their homes, endanger the Town's water supply and tax the resources of the Town's emergency responders, including its police and volunteer fire and ambulance agencies, whose safety is paramount; and

**WHEREAS**, Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings, LLC has not presented sufficient information nor demonstrated to the Town Board's satisfaction that adequate and sufficient safety measures will be taken and installed to prevent leaks and ruptures, and with the added risk of the inevitable corrosion of the pipeline over time and storm and similar natural disasters, such as those the Town has recently experience seemingly becoming more frequent; and



**WHEREAS**, due to the uncertainty regarding the adequacy of safety measures to prevent leaks and ruptures, the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor finds that the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline and its lateral routing through the Town of New Windsor potentially threaten the health, safety and welfare of the community, and also could decrease the values of homes located along their routes and in surrounding neighborhoods;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor, that the Town Board call upon the New York State Thruway Authority to reject use of its right-of-way for the Pilgrim Pipeline, and further call upon the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) to deny any exception to its Accommodation Plan for said purpose; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor urge Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature to oppose construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline and its lateral along their current proposed routes through the Town of New Windsor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is directed to forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Thruway Authority Chair Howard P. Milstein; New York State DOT Commissioner Joan McDonald; Hon. Charles Schumer, United States Senator; Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand United States Senator; Hon. Sean Patrick Maloney, U.S. Representative; Hon. Andrew Cuomo, Governor; New York Public Service Commission Chairwoman Audrey Zibelman; Hon. William J. Larkin, Senator

for the 39<sup>th</sup> Senate District and Assistant Majority Leader for House Operations; Hon. James Skoufis, Assemblyman for the 99<sup>th</sup> Assembly District and New York State DEC Acting Commissioner Basil Seggos.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MOTION CARRIED:**

**TOWN BOARD AGENDA: December 2, 2015**