

Town of Tuxedo
RESOLUTION
Opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Company ("Pilgrim") is proposing to build a new bi-directional pipeline through Tuxedo that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey.

WHEREAS, Pilgrim has now routed the proposed Pipeline through the center of the most populous areas of Tuxedo when routes through safer, less populated areas are available; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route will specifically impact property on the National Historic Register; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route will damage and destroy areas of environmental sensitivity which the Town has protected after years of State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) analysis, rendering years careful analysis a near nullity; and

WHEREAS, In February the Wall Street Journal compared oil from 86 locations around the world and found Bakken crude oil to be the most explosive. Bringing this fuel into our community endangers our families, property, and environment, particularly when other safer routes are available; and

WHEREAS, the Tuxedo Town Board is concerned about the hazard the project may create due to the nature and volume of the highly flammable oil flowing through the pipeline, and its proposed route, which crosses through residential neighborhoods. These communities will be in the "impact radius" should an explosion and or spill occur;

WHEREAS, the potential for a pipeline explosion could harm hundreds of people, we express grave concerns about this project negatively affecting the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens, particularly when other, safer routes are available;

WHEREAS, the proposed routing of the Pilgrim pipeline in Tuxedo raises safety concerns for Tuxedo, as well as potential harm to municipal and county infrastructure and may impact the overall health, safety, and welfare of Tuxedo residents;

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to assure a safe environment for its residents;

WHEREAS, the proposed project may result in a loss of tax revenue and a decline in property values of homes along and adjacent to the new pipeline and surrounding neighborhoods as a direct result of the project, particularly disrupting the Tuxedo Farms development which is now approved and being constructed after decades of SEQR;

WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves adequate analysis of the relevant environmental issues and the mitigation of adverse impacts to protect our natural resources for generations to come;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo, Orange County, New York as follows:

1. That Town opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline, particularly in its present route, in the absence of adequate environmental review and proper mitigation of adverse impacts.
2. That the Town calls for a moratorium on any and all construction related activities of the Pilgrim Pipeline through Tuxedo pending an adequate environmental review specifically taking into account the prior SEQR review done on portions of the proposed route; and .
3. That because this project will traverse and impact numerous natural areas of environmental and historical concern, and will impact the resources of Tuxedo, the Town Board requests a full environmental review be conducted by the DEC to assess the environmental impacts of the Project.
4. That the Board directs the town clerk to forward copies of this resolution to our state and county representatives.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the Town Board adopted the foregoing resolution of a vote of __ ayes, __ nays, __ abs.