**STATEWIDE PIPELINE RESISTANCE RELAY WALK (THE “WALK)**

**FAQ’s**

**Q: What is it ?**

**The Walk will be a Town to Town Relay Walk across each of the twenty-nine towns the proposed Kinder Morgan Pipeline will traverse. Each Town is free to select its own walking route, and its mode of transportation. Walkers, Runners, Bicyclists, Skateboarders, Horses or Canoe/Kayaks may all participate, if your Town Organizers agree. Please check with them. This Walk will be human or equine powered; a Sports Car Rally or a “Bikers Against the Pipeline” Rally may be organized for the Fall.**

**Q: What is the Walk meant to accomplish? The Walk is meant to show solidarity amongst the twenty-nine Towns. We fervently believe that this Pipeline is not needed. We believe our Private Land should not be seized by Eminent Domain. We believe that a 30” to 36” natural gas pipeline should not be constructed as close as 25’ to a private home. We believe that Private Land Owners should not suffer extreme losses in the value of their property due to the pipeline. We believe that Electric Rate Payers should not bear the $4B plus cost of construction of this Pipeline. We believe that greener energy alternatives should be considered. We believe in the finding of the Conservation Law Foundation, that this highly suspect plan has been developed behind closed doors without public input. We fervently believe that this process has been conducted in complete contravention of the American Democratic Process.**

**Q: When will it take place? The Walk is scheduled to start in Richmond, MA near the NY Border on Sunday, July 6th and it will end in Dracut, MA on Saturday, July 26th. Please see the attached schedule to see when the Walk is scheduled for your Town. A follow-on Event is scheduled to take place in Boston on Tuesday, July 29th or Wednesday, July 30th, depending on the availability of Governor Deval Patrick and the availability of our State Legislators, near the end of the Beacon Hill Legislative Session. Walkers are invited to meet at Boston Common (America’s Oldest Conservation Land Parcel) and to walk across the Common and deliver our Petitions and our Message to the Governor and our Legislators.**

**Q: If it is in fact a relay, will there be a baton passed, like at the Olympics?:**

**Yes, a short piece of white PVC pipe has been specially constructed and painted, to house the Petitions we carry. The Pipe will be signed by each Town, and passed to the Town immediately to the east along the Pipeline Route. At the Boston Event, the Pipe will be passed to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

**Q; Can I make signs and carry noisemakers? Yes, definitely make and carry signs. Some people will choose to carry the roadside signs that are turning up in all of our Towns. Others will choose to make their own signs. Please do not direct any profanity towards Kinder Morgan, the Natural Gas Industry or our Politicians on your signs.**

**It is up to each Town to decide whether it is appropriate in their Town to make noise. Some Towns are already planning to carry trumpets or bugles, drums, vuvuleaza’s, or cowbells. In other Towns, it may be appropriate to go more quietly.**

**Q: What is being planned for Pepperell and whom should I contact?**

**In Pepperell, the Walk is planned to cross Town on Tuesday, July 22nd. Walkers are asked to RSVP at the NashobaTrust.Org website. Walkers will meet at North Middlesex High School Parking Lot at 9:45 a.m. The Walk will commence at 10 a.m. and proceed up the Harbor Street Hill. It will eventually turn left onto Shattuck Street, and then right on Jewett Street. At the end of Jewett Street, Walkers will then turn left onto Townsend Street (Rt. 113) and proceed to Pepperell Town Hall, for a large, group picture at 12 noon. Pepperell residents who cannot participate in the Walk are asked to grab a No Pipeline Sign (preferably from in front of their home) and come join the Walkers for the group picture). Let’s try to attract a group of at least one hundred (100) Pepperell residents for our Town picture. Upon completion of the picture, the Walkers will proceed down Elm Street, past the home of Vince and Denene Premus, who have organized the “Pepperell Homeowner’s Association Against the Pipeline” group. Just past the Premus’s home, the Walkers will turn left into the Keyes Farm Conservation Area, and make the ½ mile walk across one of Pepperell’s nicest Conservation Areas. The Walk will then come out onto the Gardiner Farm, Pepperell’s last operating Dairy Farm, and a property that will be crossed by the Pipeline. We are now coming to the end of the Walk. From the Gardiner Farm, the Walkers will make the short walk down Canal Street to the Nashua River. At the River, a flotilla of Canoes and Kayaks will ferry the symbolic Pipe across the Nashua, where it will be handed off to residents of Groton for their leg of the Walk. We hope to have some local celebrities participate in the River crossing, but there will be more on that later.**

**Q: Will water and food be provided, or should I bring my own?: Please eat a hearty breakfast and drink plenty of liquids prior to leaving your home. Hydration is key, especially if it will be hot on July 22nd. The Pepperell Organizing Committee will have extra water and energy bars available throughout the Walk.**

**Q: I’m not in the best of shape this Summer. What happens if I get tired and can’t keep up? The Pepperell Organizing Committee has arranged for a “sag wagon” to follow the Walkers. If you get tired, please let the driver know and accept a ride in air conditioned comfort. Also, there will be places along the Route where you can park your car, and thus only walk a portion of the Route. Walkers can also park near Town Hall, and join the Walk at Noon for its exciting conclusion.**

 **Q: What happens if thunderstorms or steady rain is forecast? The safety of the Walkers is of paramount concern to the Organizing Committee, so if severe weather is forecast, then the Event will be delayed or rescheduled. If a cancellation or delay is required, a notice will be placed on the NashobaTrust.org website by 8 a.m. on the morning of the Walk (July 22nd). If showers are forecast or even steadier rain, but no lightening or high winds, the Event will proceed as scheduled.**

**Q: What should I bring along and what should I wear? All Walkers should wear loose, comfortable clothing appropriate for the expected temperatures. A baseball hat or wide brimmed hat for those with sensitivity to the sun is recommended. Please bring a daypack or fanny back in which you can carry a small water bottle, sunscreen and bug repellent (for Keyes Farm and along the Nashua River), a rain jacket (if necessary), and personal belongings. Lastly, please wear medium weight sox and a comfortable pair of walking shoes or sneakers.**

**Q: How long is the entire route, end to end? The entire Pepperell segment, from the beginning at Harbor Street, to the end on Canal Street at the Nashua River, is almost exactly 5 miles.**

**Q: Can children participate in this Walk? Yes, by all means. We are walking for future generations so that private property can’t be taken, we won’t be paying Electric Bill Tariffs for years to come, and to preserve those beautiful open spaces that so many have worked so hard to preserve. All the Organizers ask is that the parent observe their child closely, and maintain responsibility for their conduct and safety.**

**Q. Can pets participate in this Walk? Yes, so long as the pet is under absolute control of its owner/companion. Dogs must be leashed and the owner must pick up any waste deposited.**

**Q: Can Bicyclists, Skateboarders, Rollerbladers, and/or Horses participate? Yes, the only limitation is that for this Walk, motorized vehicles cannot participate, except those used by participants requiring mobility assistance.**

**Q: Will there be an ambulance or EMTs present? The Walk Organizing Committee will notify local Ambulance Services and CERT Teams, so they can quickly respond to any incident. We hope to have a Registered Nurse (RN) or EMT marching with us, during the Walk.**

**Q: Will the Pepperell Police assist with directing vehicular traffic? Yes, the Organizing Committee will notify the Pepperell Police and we expect that they will provide traffic control services.**

**Q: Will their be any Souvenirs of the Walk available for Purchase?**

**Yes, the Organizing Committee plans to have Commemorative T-Shirts of the Pepperell Walk available for purchase on a first come first serve basis.**