

WEYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL, WEYMOUTH, MA.

Below is a resolution voted on by the Weymouth Town Council on June 1, 2015. Although the Town Council President did sign the document electronically, it does not appear when i copied and pasted the document.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the proposed gas compressor property overlooks Wessagusset, the oldest settlement in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, as known as the Thomas Weston Colony of 1622, and

Whereas, the municipalities of Weymouth and Quincy are communities of historic significance in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, notably, as birthplaces of Abigail Smith Adams, John Adams and John Quincy Adams, and

Whereas, the proposed gas compressor property is next to the Fore River, a significant estuary in the Boston Harbor Watershed, which is formed by the confluence of the Monatiquot River and Smelt Brook in the Weymouth Landing area of Braintree, and

Whereas, the proposed gas compressor property borders both Quincy Point and the North Weymouth Business District, which are two distinct villages of geographic, economic and historical importance, and

Whereas, there are 964 households within a half mile radius of the proposed gas compressor station, significantly higher than the demographics of existing compressor stations, and

Whereas, there is no sufficient data to present the effects the daily operations of a gas compressor station has on such a densely populated area to include noise, smell and air quality, and

Whereas, should an emergency arise at the compressor station, Weymouth and Quincy first responders are not allowed to enter the property until representatives from Spectra Energy are present, and

Whereas, should an evacuation be ordered at the compressor station, Weymouth and Quincy would be responsible for tens of thousands of people needing to vacate the area, and

Whereas, any evacuation at the proposed gas compressor station will shut down Route 3A, a state highway that connects Weymouth to Quincy and transports more than 33,000 vehicles a day, and

Whereas, the Fore River Bridge, which sits adjacent to the proposed gas compressor station, is currently under construction at a contract cost of \$244 million and is currently scheduled to be completed in mid-2017, and

Whereas, the proposed gas compressor station region currently houses a gasoline/oil depot, a chemical plant, two power plants with transmission lines, a regional sewage pump station, a sewage pelletizing plant, a

hazardous waste transfer and treatment facility, and smaller oil storage facilities/tanks, and

Whereas, The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses the term "Overburdened Community" to describe low-income and minority communities that potentially experience disproportionate environmental harms and risks due to exposures or cumulative impacts or greater vulnerability in response to President Clinton signing his Environmental Justice executive order in 1993 to protect citizens from being overburdened with potential environmental hazards, and

Whereas, Quincy Point and Germantown in Quincy are recognized as Environmental Justice neighborhoods by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for having a high minority and/or low-income population, and

Whereas, the construction of a gas compressor station in Weymouth will not provide any permanent jobs or economic stimulus to the region as the station is controlled remotely out of Houston, Texas, and

Whereas, the proposed gas compressor station will render abutting conservation land useless as the Town of Weymouth was awarded a conservation restriction to the 2.9 acre King's Cove parcel for public conservation and passive recreation through mitigation obligations under the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Chapter 91 in 1991, and

Resolved, the Town Council of the Town of Weymouth urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to seek an alternate site for the proposed new gas compressor station under Spectra Energy/Algonquin Gas's Atlantic Bridge Project, Docket Number PF15-12-000 which is more rural and less densely populated as those gas compressor stations that are currently in existence.

Now, therefore, on June 1, 2015, the Town Council of Weymouth urges its state and federal delegation of elected officials to support an alternate site for the proposed new gas compressor station under Spectra Energy/Algonquin Gas's Atlantic Bridge Project, Docket Number PF15-12-000 as a matter of paramount concern to the citizens of Weymouth.

Signed this first day of June in the year two thousand and fifteen

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Weymouth Town Council President, Patrick O'Connor

Voted unanimously (11-0) for favorable action at the Town Council Meeting of 1 June 2015

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