

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
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The following members of the public spoke during public comment.

Carol Bertone, 32 Shara Lane, Pennington, So our, township, You guys are our Township officials, what is your plan? What do you guys think about this whole idea? Do you think it's a great idea? Are you guys getting paid for any of this? Is our Township getting any money for the benefit of having this 90' wide? How far is 90'? That is a big area.

Mayor Sandom: No we're not getting paid. We're here to listen to what they have to say. I can guarantee you that we have as many questions as you do and we are as concerned as you are.

Nick Daviduk, 16 Brewster Court, safety, ??? What code is the piping being designed on? What is the pipe strength (yield)? What type of material? What is the design pressure? ?????? What is the corrosion allowance? Pipe coating?

Felicity Toto, 100 Hessian Hill Drive, Pennington, I understand from your slide that 84% of the national gas is going to be utilized by NJ residents? Is that correct? I was not aware that there was any shortage of gas in NJ and so I am a little confused by that. It seems that we exported about 20% of natural gas last year so I would like to know why now are we deciding to go forth with this project and how much of this will eventually be exported? This is a community that uses well water in a great many of areas. I'm concerned for my well safety. I'd like to know a little bit more about this project going forth when we have so much of this community that uses exclusively well water. I would also like to know how many of your proposed routes have actually been altered due to community opposition.

Mayor Sandom: There was also a question about the effect on our well water? And how many routes have been altered due to opposition from community groups? And I would like to make a request of you if there are questions you don't feel you've answered completely or we don't feel you've answered completely tonight recognizing we have a lot of people, we are going to be sending you those questions if you can answer them on line with more detail, we'd appreciate it.

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Alex Hanson, 1 Moorehead Drive, Pennington, Some have argued that some pipeline companies have chosen routes specifically through conservation easements and preserved land reduces the amount of compensation.. In my case the route crosses the length of our farm, it's a long farm, and its conservation, preserved land with public access. The public purse and we donated a substantial portion of the value to conserve this land. It is like a park. You are driving a pipeline through a park that is used by dozens of people every day and it just seems like a senseless routing. I have served on conservation organizations boards where it is very tough to get people to do conservation or easements. It seems like this pipeline, that this easement made it easier for you because it's open space. Your actions are going to dissuade people from doing these kinds of conservation easements. How can you restore a wetland? How can you make a public park look good with a pipeline going through it? It's a scar on the land. It just seems senseless and heartless to the organizations that work so hard to do this and to the Township that has put their public treasure into making these spaces available to the public and to the people who grant these conservation easements. It seems like you have maneuvered the Federal government to create these pathways. It just seems nonsensical. Can you explain why you would put a pipeline through a conservation easement?

Mayor Sandom: So the answer to that is make sure your easement is known to them as soon as possible. But it wasn't clear to me at this time whether or not you are going to avoid conservation easements.

Cynthia Beloff, 394 Reading Avenue, Pennington Borough, My property is not affected by the pipeline however I do have friends that will be directly affected by it. If they do not allow surveyors onto their land, then have been notified by your company three times, denied it three times, their local neighbors and the neighborhood do not provide your access to that land to do the survey. What are you going to do? In technical aspects, you have evaluated what your options are, what are you doing with the land. Are you basically claiming eminent domain and forcing those land owners to relinquish the land. Your surveyors, when they come to get permission for signing the survey permission, what are their tactics that they use? It has been reported at the public meeting in Lambertville that the surveyors said that their land is going to be taking by eminent domain if we did not allow them to do the survey signing. They were lied to by the surveyors saying that the neighbors had signed the documents. There is deception on that part and it was recommended that any conversations that they had with the surveyors would be or should be recorded. Do you approve of that? Is it acceptable to record those conversations by the company?

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Deputy Mayor Cannon: On the heels of the last question, is there any documentation on any project that simply says that land was not accessible? On any project has any piece of land been designated not accessible by means of the land owner's refusal?

Charlize Katzenbach, 90 Lambertville-Hopewell Road, Hopewell, Most of the people in my township don't get natural gas. What possible benefit does this have for us as a township or all the other townships where you pass through because they are not getting gas because they are not developed and you want to use our land, drop our property values for your benefit so you guys can make lots of money moving gas. Why should we accept that? Do you know that Hopewell Township once had a major cross country route proposed to go through it? 95 was meant to go through, that's a national highway. Hopewell Township dug in its little heels, we don't have 95. I doubt we'll have a pipeline.

Kevin Kuchinski, 67 West Shore Drive, Pennington, I'm a long time resident of Hopewell Valley and like many folks here I'm very concerned about aspects of the Penn East pipeline. First and foremost, I'm concerned that the pipeline threatens to destroy the open space we have all fought to preserve, the conserved land, the pipeline path currently goes through one of our parks and it also impacts the fragile eco system of the Sourland Mountains. So I understand up to 1200 acres of land in Hopewell Township would be directly impacted by the pipeline and for anyone who hasn't seen it, this is a picture of what the swath of 40' of clear cut trees looks like. This is not something I want to see up and down Hopewell Valley. Second, I'm trying to understand the economic benefits of this pipeline, what is it going to deliver to the township? We are clear Pennsylvania gets the revenue from all of the fracking operations, downstream users get the benefit of low gas, what do we get? As I look at it, my neighborhood was asked on 5 or 6 separate occasions, we are within a ½ mile or a mile of Elizabethtown Gas and they have denied us gas continually in the Elm Ridge Park neighborhood. Beyond this I have a couple of specific questions for you to address tonight: Beyond the minimum you talked about, what are you going to do to restore impacted areas and also compensate homeowners for the loss of property value due to the easement? What are you going to do to guarantee the safety of our drinking water and our wells not just at construction but if there is a leak or pipeline breach? What do we get to drink during those days and weeks that you are repairing the pipeline? Secondly, as I looked at the map, why is the pipeline going through the open space of Hopewell Valley vs. Bucks County. Looks like there is just as good of a pipe path through that area. We know it is cheaper for you to clear cut our trees and come through the Township through preserved land. But that impacts us in a fundamental way as you have heard not just from me but many other of the citizens here tonight. What else is going to happen, there are 6 additional pipelines that are potentially going through the Delaware River watershed and pending approval. So net for me there are a lot of unanswered questions. I would like to get some of my

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specifics but we need answers. You have heard clearly we are going to defend our township and the values of open space and low development that we have fought together so hard to create.

Evelyn Gabai, 322 Hopewell-Amwell Road, Hopewell, My question is quite simple. If the majority of the population does not want this pipeline is it going to happen anyway? I'm asking the Township Committee are you the ones who make the final decision on whether this pipeline happens or not?

Mayor Sandom: I wish we were, it would be a very short meeting, but no we're not. I think you need to ask PennEast that very good question.

Evelyn Gabai, if the population does not want this pipeline is it going to happen regardless of what we want? Has FERC ever disagreed with you? Have they ever said if most of the community doesn't want it, you can't do it? Do they consider the community that the pipeline is going through?

Kim Robinson, 1568 Harbourton-Rocktown Road, Lambertville, to our Committee I urge you to pass a resolution tonight against this pipeline and to stand together with your residents in the battle to come. For Penn East, while I'm against your project for a hundred reasons, with 2 minutes I will ask you one question regarding safety as that is usually my number one concern. After doing a quick search I was shocked with the number of pipeline explosions just here in the US, the most horrific of which to me was probably one in which 2 10 year olds were playing near a creek and had a fireball come shooting out then basically burning them alive. They survived the night but suffering from the burns and died the next day. I obviously can't read the whole list but the following incidences I mention all involved 30" inch natural gas pipeline like the one you propose to build.

August 2000, a 30" pipeline exploded killing 5 adults and 5 children, leaving 2 others in critical condition in southeast New Mexico. The explosion left a crater 86' long, 46' wide and 20' deep.

September 2010, a 30" pipeline exploded in San Bruno, CA killing 8. Eyewitnesses reported the blast had a wall of fire more than 1,000' high.

October 2013, a 30" pipeline exploded near Rosston, OK, flames being reported as 600' high.

February 2014, a 30" pipeline exploded in Knifley, Kentucky, flattening homes, burning farms and causing 2 injuries, one person burned. When it exploded large rocks and sections of pipeline flew into the air leaving a 60' crater. That pipeline in Kentucky was buried 30' underground. I believe you want to put this one 3' underground.

I don't want to hear about safety standards, safety improvements or as you said, tonight, safety is paramount. Your industry talked about safety improvements after each one of these incidents and yet the pipelines keep exploding. So when you are continually killing people and keep the process going, safety is obviously not paramount. Now why you may target our preserved open land because they are

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cheaper for you, this is still NJ you can't avoid people in homes. So I want to know why you, Penn East, think that it's okay to kill our children, blowing them into pieces or burning them alive, just so that you can put cash in your pockets.

Mayor Sandom: And you are going to be putting all of the safety information up on your website and answer especially the detailed questions? You can understand our concern.

David Erkoboni, 35 Shara Lane, Pennington, Quite close to Point B. As I stood in line most of the questions I had in mind were asked and I don't want to duplicate people's questions so I have more comments than anything. First of all, I was a little dismayed to see a couple of the citizens in the township kind of shut down their questions. I would encourage Council to listen to these people because they have a lot to say. I would hope that more folks in the township would get together and kind of show the spirit that was shown during 195. Alisa your initial introduction and discussion was very elegant. I listened and I understood. You explained the regulatory process very clearly in a very cold fashion. These are not cold people behind me. I own a piece of property that is probably according to the map that you have out there, going to come from within 200 to 300' of the adjacent property where the pipeline is going to come through. I bought that property knowing fair well that 1,000 or 1,500' away from me was a pipeline but I also weighed that with regards to safety and how far I was from the pipeline and what the impact could be on the value of the property I purchased. I built a house and now I think you want to come and suggest that my safety should be put in jeopardy possibly, I understand the safety precautions. I also understand that everyone in this room, including you sir, are human. I also understand that corporations stand for a very long time and we have careers for a very short period of time. So 20 years from now the people sitting at this table will not be the people running the organization and none of us can know who those people will be. So I guess what I am saying is more of a statement that I would like very much to see this township oppose this pipeline. I also would like to know one question, we are going to hook up at Point B, is there any other place away from a populated area that you could hook up into that pipeline and avoid this mess.

Mayor Sandom: I think he was asking a very specific question and that is there another Point B that does not exist in this Township? By point B we're talking about the endpoint which is in Hopewell Township 2 feet from his house, and he wants to know if you can put it somewhere else, like in California.

Nancy Valanzola, 108 Howard Way, Pennington, My first question is that I understand this gas is going to be coming from the Marcellus Shale region and I have done some research and found that it has very high levels of carcinogenic radon in the gas that comes from that shale region. I understand that it

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would be extremely dangerous if there were any kind of leak anywhere along the way from PA to NJ. Also my research from ENR (Engineering News Record) of 8/13/14 states that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has 135 inspectors to oversee 2.6 million miles of pipeline in the US. Also in the past 10 years there have been 117 incidents per year, I don't know what an incident comes out to be but apparently something is going on, 117 times per year on gas lines and in the past 20 years there have been 41 deaths, 195 injuries and \$1.6 billion in property damage. I understand that also when there is damage to someone's property and they are paid by the gas pipeline by the gas companies that they have to sign a nondisclosure statement so that nobody really can find out what happened on their property and why they were paid. Do you have any comments about that?

Mayor Sandom: So you will be reviewing this question and all the facts and get back to us not tonight necessarily but soon. I think we will be able to get you information about those details. I've heard about that too.

Joe Connell, 103 Jamieson Drive, Pennington, My question relates to safety as well and Alisa you mentioned in your talk and Dante you mentioned that you will be going above and beyond safety. My question is, when Alisa you mentioned perhaps rerouting perhaps based on ground breaking of a new school, I'm wondering is a 30 or 36" pipeline safe enough that it would be placed and approved to be placed as close to a hospital or a school as it would be placed near the homes here in Hopewell Township? Second question, Alisa you mentioned about co-locating, true or false, yes or no, after or should this be approved to go through Hopewell Township can we expect that other utilities will co-locate along your route in the future?

Jess Niederer, 80 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, I am an organic farmer. I had been coming here tonight thinking I was standing more in solidarity for the other farmers in the township who have this pipeline plotted through the ground. However, it does seem that within the variation that you folks still might have with your pipeline that my own certified organic farm could be in your sites. That does bring some more personal issues for me. In terms of exact questions, NJ preserved farmland, in order to preserve farmers as well, keeping open all of their options for use of their farmland, which could include orchards I want to know if forbidding trees being planted on the pipeline right of way would include orchards. I also heard Dante say that the pipeline was rated to be safe for a 100 years. But a lot of us have descendants here for longer than 100 years and PennEast LLC is probably going to go out of business and go bankrupt at one point, this is what happens with companies eventually. Who is going to take care of this when you 4 are gone? What law protects the rest of us when you are gone? The last question I have is what happens if every single one of the properties that you are requesting a right of way from in Hopewell Township refuses? I think she's saying it wouldn't go too well for them.

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Kathy Connell, 103 Jameson Drive, Pennington, I just moved here from CA, and my question is, you seem surprised about the safety issues that one of the other people was speaking to you about just a couple of minutes ago and said you didn't know what company that was that it wasn't PennEast. What is your personal safety record, have you had explosions, have you had leaks, have you had loss of life. I want to know what your safety record is and what are our risks? That's why we're here. You're bringing it so close to our neighborhood. How many of these pipelines have you been involved in in different places? How many other pipelines has PennEast built?

Mayor Sandom: I think those are excellent questions and we need the safety records of all the companies that are involved in this new conglomerate called PennEast.

Patty Cronheim, Pennview Drive, Pennington, Hi, first of all I want to thank the Township for having this what I hope is the first of many meetings and we will have many town halls and we will have the opportunity to speak with environmental groups as well. I would like to comment on what was just said about. And it is proposed to go in right through here, preserved fields and the wonderful trails and the Girl Scout bridges and Eagle Scout trails and everything behind our property and the property that so many people love to explore. But I want to refute what Dante just said. This is Pennsylvania of UGI fined for Allentown explosion 2013. When these sites are closed up and when the Marcellus shale and fracking gas runs out and these pipes are closed up and they use concrete to close them and the pig robots are gone and the gas is gone and PennEast is gone generations from now, it could be 20 years, 30 years, 40 years, could be 100 years, but our children and our children's children are going to be left and the township is going to be left with the cost and the pollution of cleaning up these pipelines when they corrode and no one is watching them anymore because those concrete barriers can corrode and they break and there is a long history of that.

Mayor Sandom: And again you are going to get us the safety records of all of the groups that are related to PennEast.

Michael Pressel, 194 Pennview Drive, Pennington, You folks mentioned you conduct studies before and after and in particular you were saying that's with respect to the underground wells that many of us have in the Township. You said you were going to inspect it before and after, so what happens when you inspect it after and you find some kind of breach as a result of the construction. What measures will be taken to restore wells if this happens? My other question is for Elizabethtown Gas, you mentioned that this is going to expand your possibilities of different supply opportunities. I'd be interested to know whether Elizabethtown Gas engages in the resale of gas to other companies or is this gas just for your

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clients? And, my last question is, would the efficiencies that you hope to gain by providing a pipeline, what type of commitment is going to be made by PennEast or anybody that is part of the conglomerate for the advantage of clean energy?

Heidi Wilenius, 93 W. Prospect St., Hopewell Borough, most of the questions I came to this microphone with have been answered so I just leave you with primarily a comment which is to be quite frank, I'm not interested in the rerouting of this pipeline, I'm not interested in having this pipeline exist. I don't want you looking into Bucks County farmland, I don't want you looking into other organic farms, I don't believe this pipe because the creation of this pipeline will create more of a demand for more fracking in the Marcellus shale region. The more natural gas that you are extracting from the Marcellus Shale region that's less demand for renewable clean energy sources. So I ask the people behind me and the people in front of me to think for one moment about if all the money that PennEast is sinking into this pipeline went to clean renewable energy what that would mean. And I speak mainly to the people in front of me here, and to the people behind me. Because if we sit here, I thank everyone for coming today, because it means that we are taking time out of our day because we realize how important this is. If we just sit and talk about how horrible this pipeline is, PennEast will push it through but this is Hopewell Township, we have fought 95, we can fight this pipeline but I ask that we fight it not just for Hopewell Township but we fight it for this entire country and our entire planet. And just one formal request to the Township Committee for you to please pass a resolution if it's not necessarily tonight, but in the near future, formally opposing this pipeline on behalf of your residents.

Judy Niederer, 1 Trimmer Avenue, Titusville, I want to thank the Township Committee for having this open forum. I came here to listen and learn and I hope that you came here to listen and learn from us as well. My question is, I know that governments have the right of eminent domain but I am wondering how does a private company get the right of eminent domain? Who provides that to a private company and why does PennEast have that right? My next question is what is the average compensation that is provided to land owners for a right of way? My next question is the same question that Jess had, what happens if every property owner in Hopewell Township contacted by PennEast says no thanks? I know the question has been asked by others but I think it still needs to be asked every time. My next question is , and I am going to use the word proposed in front of pipeline, because I honestly don't think the word proposed has been used enough tonight. How will the proposed pipeline cross the Delaware River and what impact will it have on the flow of the river and the condition downstream? The Delaware River, I believe, is the longest free flowing river east of the Mississippi, and I would be very concerned with how that impacts what we have. I have two more questions, this one is directed to the Township Committee. Is it possible to have a public referendum on this project put on the ballot? And my last question is, if everybody in Hopewell Township votes no, does that referendum gets listened to?

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Rob Geoghan, 206 Pennview Drive, Pennington, my questions are more financially based. This is a billion dollar project, how much money have you invested into up until this point? In the name of sunk costs theory. This PennEast Pipeline LLC was just created in August, incorporated in DE, what were your motivations for incorporating in DE when there is no physical presence in DE? Has any pipeline projects at this current stage been denied by FERC? And my fourth is just a comment to everyone here, I think we need to have our focus on FERC they seem to be the people who are going to be able to stop the pipeline. The pessimistic side of me says that the best we can really hope for is to reroute it but focus on FERC. This is a billion dollar operation, this project has an estimated billion dollar cost how much have you invested in so far and maybe to add on to it for the Hopewell Township area specifically how much of that billion dollars does that represent? If we're enough of a thorn in your side, will you move out? I want to know how much you have invested at this point. If you can't answer that now that's fine, we will leave it with the group here and why I think that question is important is to determine just how far along you have made it here and if you have already spent a hundred million dollars you may feel like you are too deep to turn back. I don't have the numbers, it seems a very small percentage of these projects has been denied by FERC. You are in the early stage of this. How many projects have been denied so we know what our chances are of defeating the project.

Mayor Sandom: I think he was asking in general how many projects similar to this have been turned down?

Anne Hayton, 4 Spring Hollow Drive, Hopewell, I want to also thank you for holding this forum to allow us to come out and hear more about the project and express views. I have two questions that are more backdrop questions I think. The first one is related to, I'm concerned about the proliferation of pipelines in general so this is directed toward the utilities, how many other pipelines are in the planning stages in this area, through NJ? The second question, usually when a very large project is done you first have to do a feasibility study and look at your best options for trying to get your job done. And I am wondering whether you have done a feasibility study, what type of criteria you used for evaluating your options and where that feasibility study is so we can review it? What other alternatives are available to reach your goal which might be moving gas from one point to another. It looks like you have taken the straightest path possible but perhaps using other avenues that already exist. I know that you did talk about co-locating but I am wondering if a serious feasibility study was done with criteria or whether the utilities would tend to do that. I am unfamiliar with the process so I wanted to know about that.

Maya van Rossum, I am the Delaware River Keeper, my organization is the Delaware River Keeper Network (DRKN), and we work here in Hopewell and throughout the entire Delaware River Watershed

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to protect the river and all of the streams that feed it and all of the ecological systems that are here in the Delaware River Watershed that you all value so much. Unfortunately at the DRKN we have experienced firsthand in the past three years the incredible level of devastation that has been inflicted by 11 pipeline projects either new pipeline projects or expansion projects that have cut through portions of the Delaware River Watershed including under the main stem Delaware River which did do an incredible level of damage and harm and if you are unaware about you better get educated that have inflicted incredible harm to wetlands, to creeks and to communities. We have worked with the communities that have suffered the irreversible and enduring devastation that pipeline projects like this one bring and leave behind. We also work with the communities that suffered the environmental, the health, the economic, and the overwhelming devastation that shale gas extraction has inflicted. The shale gas extraction that this pipeline will not just support but will induce and increase, increasing the number of communities that are suffering the devastation. In PA they are not getting the profits from shale gas extraction they are getting the devastation, the sickness and the harm that it brings, we are all suffering because of shale gas extraction, an infrastructure like this that is cutting through our communities. What you have represented this evening in your slides and in your verbal representation is not accurate or truthful on many issues with regards to these pipeline projects and the level of harm they bring. Once the pipeline is cut, the land is not restored to the condition or the use that predated the pipeline. That is absolutely untrue and false and nobody should believe it. So my question to you, is will the PennEast pipeline company in all future representation, fix your slides so you are telling the truth, including providing pictures to show people in communities like this the devastation that you are not just going to bring as you engage in your construction cuts but the devastation that you are going to leave behind once you leave their community. You are not going to stick around to make it okay, we have watched it time and time again with these pipeline projects. You cut your path, you do your damage, you get your profits, and you only chime in when the regulatory agencies are fining you or telling you need to come back and fix something that you broke. The Delaware River Keeper Network, NJ Sierra Club, Clean Air Council, _____ Group, Pipeline Safety Coalition, and many others are standing opposed to this project. We are standing individually, we are standing collectively, and we are standing with all of you. So if you want information about how you can get involved with us go to the Delaware River Keeper Network or the NJ Sierra club website, come get my business card afterwards and we will show you the path, the best paths you have to try and defeat this project for your community. And I will also encourage you please don't battle to say no pipeline in my community but the pipeline is okay if it is in somebody else's community. If that is your message, if that becomes your message I guarantee you all of the other communities that you are fighting to put it in will be fighting to put it right back in your community and when you are busy bickering amongst each other who is going to win, they are going to win. So they are going to sit back and wait. So you pick the path for where the pipeline goes. So it is really important that we all stand together in defense of our community and our environment against

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this project and that we stand united. So I encourage you to do that. It's also important that part of our message is no shale gas development, we don't have pipelines, if we don't have pipelines we don't have shale gas development and we are all better protected. So I encourage you to use that in your messaging. And for the map, I don't have a map of the state of NJ but at the DRKN you will see a map of the 11 pipeline projects that have cut through portions of the Delaware River watershed in just the last 3 years including the one that cut through Sussex county under the Delaware River using the HTD method that caused incredible harm to the upper regions of the watershed in doing harm that is still there and you can also learn about the 7 other pipeline projects including this one that are also proposed to cut through our watershed creating cumulative impacts that are going to harm us all. So I thank you all for being here, I oppose you, and I thank you for listening.

Ray Nichols, 412 Federal City Road, Pennington, Ray Nichols otherwise known as Horatio Lawrence Nichols, I am speaking for myself, my wife and my friends, not the Environmental Commission. I also need to thank you and the rest of the Committee and the township staff and I thank you all for doing your job and coming here tonight. I didn't know anything about this project but I have been hearing about lots of other projects, pipelines, and I want to thank the Delaware River keeper for pointing out the total number of projects that are currently in the pipeline or under construction and are designed to do the same thing that PennEast is going to do. And I understand that PennEast is an LLC, limited liability company, which is great from the perspective of people who have invested in it because it limits their individual liabilities. Incorporated in Delaware you are further limiting your liabilities by having laws that protect you from identifying things. You indicated, the paper that you handed out, that **NKR** pipeline is going to be an equity owner of PennEast LLC. And your website today showed that PSEG has a 12% equity investment in this project. What would other corporations bring to this project, please be specific. I also see that a bunch of them are also investing in modern intensive high energy hydraulic fracturing which has not been around for 65 years as represented. Modern hydraulic fracturing that we are so concerned about it's a relatively new process and much more damaging than the old fashioned regardless of how it's done, it's a major problem throughout this country. Glad to hear you say that you intend to test the well water of everybody's existing wells above the pipeline. That's very reassuring. One of the problems with the companies that have been drilling is that they have not been testing the wells of the people in the Marcellus shale region near their proposed wells. So their people can say, O no we didn't do it, there's no proof that the gas coming out of your faucet can be ignited is coming from our gas. This township has a long history of transparency in the way it does business. We would appreciate it if you are coming into our community that you also total transparency, totally honest, give us the downside and the upside. Back to the present and to the township, Transco is currently conducting work on Blackwell Road at the proposed terminus of this project. What's going on and why? Why was that point selected as the end point? The A & B points that you need to connect,

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why were they selected and if you are going to file that information with FERC in 30 days or 90 days you ought to have it available to us tonight. Regarding restoration, since you indicated that horizontal cooling is going to be used to go under the Delaware River, will you also use it to go under all miscellaneous streams that feed into the Delaware River between the starting point and the end point.Regarding restoration, will the subsurface hydrology be restored and if so, how? That's a major problem with wetlands that are perched on bedrock that is very near the surface. You indicated that 84% of the proposed 100 billion cubic feet that this pipeline is going to be capable of transmitting unless you decide to enlarge it to 36" diameter is committed to go to NJ customers, but that leaves , however, 0.16 billion cubic feet committed to somebody else. Who and will it go overseas, is there a possibility it will go overseas?

Kathy Jackson, 224 Colt Street, Pennington, my comment and my question is directed towards the Committee, I believe that advice from a lawyer more than likely retired because if it is a current and practicing lawyer they might eliminate a lot of their customers if this is particular lawyer specializes in pipeline land access. And I believe a lawyer like this could be essential for negotiations by the Township as well as for residents. If residents sign a nondisclosure agreement during negotiations they won't be able to tell others about the process, compensations, terms, etc., therefore, it makes for a one-sided negotiation. My question is, has the Township started to formulate a plan for any future negotiations with PennEast?

Mayor Sandom: Tonight is the first night and we have not yet begun formulating any plans. We have had discussions about hiring an attorney.

Jim Waltman, executive director, SBMWSA, resident of Hopewell Borough, I have just a general comment and a few questions. No surprise that you are sitting through a lot of questions and answers this is a community that really cares about its environment, it cares about rural character, if you want to win an election in Hopewell Township you better say you are for preserving the rural character of this area, and I'm pretty sure everyone of you up there has done that. I want to thank you all for arranging this, I want to thank the representatives for coming out tonight and most of all I want to thank all of you in the audience this is a critical issue. This is a community that's invested literally billions of its own dollars in preserving open space, countless hours and this isn't a partisan issue in this town either, countless hours in trying to adopt strongest local environmental regulation it can and this is really a highly prized value in this community. My first question relates to a statement in your frequently asked questions. And in this area you are discussing that benefits to communities from the siting of a pipeline. I'm just going to read direct, it says most important pipelines play a major economic development tool as energy intensive industries and facilities look to locate their operations in areas near natural gas

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pipelines. So I guess in all honesty my first question is which specific energy intensive industries do you think your pipeline would attract to the Hopewell Valley? The second question, you indicate, that FERC requires operators to obtain both a federal certificate of convenience and necessity as well as various state and local permits and again having just told you that this community has invested a lot of time in adopting ordinances I'd like to ask you if you commit tonight to comply with these painstakingly achieved local environmental measures if this pipeline in fact goes through. The third question I have relates to environmental features and you had said several times tonight that protecting the most outstanding environmental resources from your activity is a high priority for you, which we appreciate hearing. NJ has been particularly active in identifying high quality streams. So we have this whole program for reviewing streams and designating certain streams of outstanding natural and other values as category one. I believe there is at least 3 and if anybody quizzes me and I fail the test I should be ashamed of myself, but I believe there are 3 of these category 1 streams in Hopewell Township and so I would like to ask you if you would commit to avoiding such streams if in fact this pipeline were to go through Hopewell Township. The fourth question is about restoration, you established frankly what I think is an impossible to achieve goal so I guess I kind of commend you for that but it says that impacted land will be restored to its original use and condition and I guess my question is who is the arbiter of whether in fact your restoration would achieve those goals. Is that in your own determination or is there a public process, who's the referee in that. And the fifth question, relates to the easements themselves. I think I heard you say that, it was a question about co-location of easements. And I'm wondering, 5A is it in your power in fact to preclude further use of easements, again assuming this all goes through, and B would you commit to not selling to other commercial entities within rights of way, again this is tied up in a big pile of "ifs" but the question is if this thing went forward as a pipeline right of way, pipeline comes through it I believe it is your power to say you are not going to sell these right of ways to anybody else who might want to run another pipeline or power line. Would you commit to not doing so?

Mayor Sandom: So you are saying that you will be providing answers to those questions because none of them are quick and that you will be providing answers in writing.

Joseph Manczuk, 114 Mine Road, Pennington, the construction of the pipeline and specifications the answers talked about the safety aspect and it would be overbuilt, if I understood that correctly. Is that also to potentially in the future provide the option to move more gas? In context of safety, you mentioned that you will operate this pipe safely but when a previous resident asked about *the pipeline* incidences and breakages, you had no knowledge of it and that did not make me very comfortable.

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Carey Compton, 29 East Curlis Avenue, Pennington Borough, have you heard, you talked about environmental impact statements, what is the timeframe you are going to get those out to us or on the website and the other question is are you going to include in your environmental impact study the atmospheric impacts of the wells that are going to do the fracking that are going to send the gas down the pipeline to this area that we really don't want to have. The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration just came out with a study recently. The impacts of the two wells out west that they studied for a while and I looked at the study myself but apparently there is methane leaks like crazy just in the process of this whole thing. I'm wondering as a carbon footprint why have you been going this route why can't we dot this line with windmills. You can spend \$1 billion dollars on windmills and we would be much better off now and in the future. So please consider that Township, please consider looking into the studies and including them in your environmental impact statement or feasibility impact study.

Katherine Dresdner, 299 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington, Attorney for Hopewell Valley Citizens Group, I want to thank the Township for holding this event tonight and for being a terrific partner in preservation of open space. I have several concerns I understand the map you have provided us is a proposed route only however I know that immediately that it crosses at least three surface water bodies in the state of NJ that are protected by Category One buffers and I don't understand how you could do that with your sensitivity to environmental concerns because that's not allowed. I also note that you have proposed crossing at least 3 parks, state park, county park, local parks, how can you do that? These are well established open space that the public uses it has priceless value, a lot of money has been invested in the development of these parks. I just find that your statement that you consider the environment to lack credibility given the route that you have already proposed. There has been no comment about compression stations, I would like you to tell people here what a compression station is and how many have been planned for NJ for your pipeline? How much land is disturbed on each side from the midline of the 36" pipe in construction? What is the total right of way from the midline of the 36" pipe?

Mayor Sandom: is it (compression station) the size of a bread box or is it the size of a bus?

Committee Member Cannon: what is the, we are talking basically, 100 mile pipeline, that's a nice round number, if you are familiar with these things you should know how many compression points you need in 100 miles. Is it affected by elevation, altitude, height?

Mayor Sandom: Is Blackwell Road, letter B is that a compression station. Going from A to B? What is on Blackwell Road now? So you are going to tell us how many of these stations you are going to have

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and where they are going to be located and if they are going to be located anywhere near Hopewell Township. And another question she had was how many feet from the midline will the construction be.

Kate Millsaps, West Hanover Street, Trenton, conservation program coordinator for the NJ Chapter of the Sierra Club, thank you for giving this presentation tonight but I have to say frankly it was disappointing considering you guys are having your pre-filing application ready to go in about a week there is a lot of information that could have been included such as the compression stations and I would hope that the comments that were made tonight will be addressed in a timely fashion and that information will be included in future presentations so that we all don't have to go digging through 100 page document to get the answers to very good questions that were asked tonight. How many landowners in Hopewell have been contacted for survey permission? How many landowners in NJ have been contacted for survey permission? And what number of the contacted have already agreed to grant you survey permission? Since you are not answering the questions, I do just want to clarify Alisa had two points in her statements at one point she was talking about we like to start with a straight line from here to there but if there is something that comes up or a "landowner completely opposed to the project" the line will move. So is this true? Later on Alisa went on to say, that if you deny survey permission they will look at opportunities and reroute. So if enough landowners are opposed to this project will you reroute and what percentage, what number of those you contacted in NJ as well as Hopewell Township have already told you no. Since you already have your pre-filing materials ready to go, how many, you have your preferred route, and then explicitly how many alternative routes have you investigated so far? To clarify again, what are the revenue benefits to the municipality, are there any tax benefits, any future pilot programs anything like that that would bring additional revenue into the Township? Will property owners continue to have to pay taxes on the land that you guys own an easement on and operate industrial infrastructure on? I wish you could clarify your statements on how since this is a transmission line, how you connect local distribution lines along the route? And how many of those requests by different, not just utilities, but different townships and potential customers would be granted? For referring to the utility engaging in reselling gas only Elizabethtown answered that question none of the other companies answered if they would engage in reselling the gas. When you talked about impact to the Delaware River you only talked about the main stem using horizontal directional drilling. You did not talk about the impacts for *plate* leaks and how that can result in significant dissolved oxygen in the water body and potentially taking and threatening the endangered that they exist in that portion of the river. But you completely ignored and failed to address the impact of erosion, compacted soils from construction, additional runoff into the river and how those cumulative impacts on different parts of the watershed and different stems of the Delaware River will be exacerbated by this project. And going back to the question on climate change that was asked, how will you specifically mitigate the climate impact of your project and the continuation of NJ dependence on

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fossil fuel as a result of your proposal. World leaders are in NYC as we speak, and if you guys are giving this presentation on investing a billion dollars in antiquated infrastructure then we need to talk about how we are going to move beyond this garbage that you are trying to sell us.

The gentleman from Elm Ridge Park and Delaware Township specifically had asked if that would be a possibility and you said that along from point A to point B you had to not do a straight line because you would be connecting different utilities so how are you proposing to provide access to those utilities from this transmission line. That's what I understood from your presentation that you guys were going to service the utilities along the route. But how is that happening on a high pressure transmission line? You have distribution lines connected to that so how are you proposing to connect those distribution lines to serve the utilities?

Sadie Sub, 46 Model Avenue, Hopewell Borough, my question is, I'm not fully aware of who the people are that are asking for this need of the pipeline. I don't understand it. Is it the people who live in the communities or if it is people who will benefit from the dwindling resources of fossil fuel. Because that is not going to stay around for a lot longer. And as a young person, I think we should be more focused on alternative sources of energy.

Mayor Sandom: Could you respond who is actually going to use this? One of the questions I have for you, sir, is would you not now but as part of your answer please let us know who you do service in Hopewell Township.

James Popik, 10 Skyview Drive, Who are your customers? I'm interested, on the supply side, who are you buying the gas from and what is the life span of the wells in general? Are we looking at 10, 30 years? It seems to me that the fracking gas wells are not that long lived.

Mayor Sandom: We think this is a very good question, so if you don't know the answer now that's fine, but we'd like you to think about what the answer might be and respond in writing.

Fairfax Hutler, 67 Barberr Court, Lawrenceville, but I am also a taxpayer for land up in Luzern County near Wilks Barre, so I am familiar with some of these issues at both ends. My first question is that a gas pipeline in loops has been expanded up in Luzerne and then down here in Hunterdon and Mercer Counties in progress the Stanton loop in Hunterdon and then **the _____ loop** in Luzerne County. Then why if they are expanding them and the line you are proposing parallels the line that those are using, which I believe is the Transco line, I can't say exactly if they are about 20 miles apart, but they are two parallel lines, cutting two huge swaths from Northeast Pennsylvania into New Jersey. Why do we need a

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second line? Why couldn't this have been planned out properly ahead of time so that half as much damage is done as likely to be done. My other question is, vegetation management. You guys could say you will restore things to the way they were. But in our property and up in Pennsylvania we have a 248-acre gorge across from the electric utility run by Pennsylvania Power and Light and I want people to know what the consequences are once there is an easement. My mother and her sisters, and I'm not sure when and how, gave a 50' easement to Pennsylvania Power & Light and back in those days all they imagined were telephone poles would be going through across the gorge. Then a couple of years ago we were driving down there in January for a memorial service and we found utility crews in the middle of the road and they were cutting down newly virgin hemlock, a huge 50' slot, in the past you never think you could do that. Then you might think if an easement is granted and the damage is minimal now you really cannot predict what might be coming down the pipe later on and then what would prohibit you from deciding that you need to expand this line later, such as what has happened up in *Dawrence (Sp)* and Stanton going to a 42' loop. Once the right of way has been granted basically the property owners are at the mercy of whatever you want to do and what FERC wants to do. Likewise, as far as vegetation management goes, everybody sort of passes the buck. PP&L called us, it's not our problem, FERC mandates this and they cut everything right to the ground, bare to the ground. Even some of the biologists for some of the utilities have told me confidentially that the vegetation management is way overdone, it is overkill, but their advice is not listened to by the utilities who employ them. And, the other thing is the type of vegetation management that occurs. I don't know if this happens with gas lines but with electric transmission lines they can use helicopter chain saws. So for people that live here, is potential, highly unlikely, to see a helicopter with a chain saw going down the property line, likewise is the possibility of using herbicides, may or may not be a possibility. But the landowners, the homeowners do not have control over this now. A lot of this goes back to the energy policy act of 2005 and the mistakes that were made. My one last point is that this proposed route goes through a huge contiguous forest in Pennsylvania, likewise a few parts in Hunterdon County and Hopewell Township. I talked to the *North Branch* lands trust in the *Bear Creek preserve* next to them 3500 acres of solid contiguous forest with habitat that has in some instances potentially federal listed golden wing warbler is up in that area, there are *swamp barrons (?)...* it is very special habitat. The whole picture has to be taken into account not just one municipality.

Jim Andrews, 134 Hopewell-Werstville Road, Hopewell, I want to follow up a little bit on Jim Popik's question on the expected life of the Marcellus Shale gas fields and then that at the current rate and then also if we put in ten times as many pipes as the Delaware river keeper said that there are 11 new pipelines being built, how long will it last then? What's the rush to get the gas out so fast? Let's save it for 50 years from now.

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Mayor Sandom: I think the point is that you're putting pipes into our ground that will pump gas that will run out, do you have a sense for when that will happen?

Jared Flesher, board member of the Sourland conservancy local citizens group, recent resident of Hopewell Township, my question is a technical one just if PennEast was to build a 30' pipeline, as a I understand is now proposed, rather than a 36" pipeline which I understand is under consideration, are there any differences in size of the right of way required, land disturbed, compression stations required, or any other infrastructure concerns that we should be aware of? Since this is all being answered in writing, even though it might be a small difference, can you specify exactly what the difference would be in writing?

William Clarke, Cherry Valley Road, Pennington, I only have once comment and it is concerning the process hereafter. I'm really proud to be a resident of a community where all these people get out and do what they've done. But the questions that are going to be submitted and responded to, I presume in writing, I hope are not evasive and that there is a structure can be created whereby this that appears to be what is going on that the Township or the people can go back to these people and say do you understand what I asked and you didn't answer, if you understand what I am saying to you. I don't like to rely on oblique information.

David Erkoboni, 35 Shara Lane, you have painstakingly taken the time to gather all the public information to allow you to know who to send survey letters to, whose property is within a certain distance from your proposed pipeline. I'm wondering if we could have that list accessible to the Township so they could pass it onto whoever would be interested in putting some type of organization together to organize our thoughts because I think individually we don't stand a chance but collectively we may have a fleeting hope. Secondly, my comment, I head up the product development organization for probably one of the most regulated industries in this country and I can tell you, the scientist and engineers that I have associated with over the years regardless of the company I have worked for, have painstakingly take care to understand the regulatory issues that are presenting themselves to all of the companies in the industry that I work in. And to understand the safety issues that are presenting themselves so that we can avoid those regulatory issues and we can certainly avoid those safety issues. So quite frankly, we had three people step up to the microphone and cite news article that cited some very significant safety events. And I didn't know whether to be surprised or whether to be annoyed or whether to be just throw up my hands and be aghast that you didn't seem to be aware that any of these even existed and yet you can stand in front of us and say that you are taking the precautions necessary to make this pipeline safe and in my mind one of the ways to understand how to do things safer than what has been done is to take the understanding of where the mistakes were made. And yet you stood

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there and weren't even aware of any of the incidences that were presented and one of them was in 2013. Just a comment.

Mayor Sandom: But wouldn't you want to know (why these mistakes happen), to be sure it doesn't happen to you? I don't understand it strikes me as concerning that you don't know why accidents happen and whether you can avoid those accidents in the future by making sure that you don't have the same thing happen to you. I can't believe you're saying that the industry doesn't share information about why things happen and you just build according to some kind of standard that's given to you without your having any understanding of why you have that standard.

Kim Robinson, 1568 Harbourton-Rocktown Road, Lambertville, it came up several times tonight the question what would happen if everyone in the town denied survey access and I just wanted to let the audience know that out in the lobby on the table that had the sign in sheet there are two pieces of paper, stacks of them, one is a letter, a form letter, just adjust it to your own circumstance, your own name and address, and that is a letter that you would send certified to PennEast either denying survey access or rescinding it if you have already given them access. The other form is a blank petition form and lastly, I would recommend, it doesn't matter if you got a letter or not, I would post to your property with No Trespassing signs and you do have to get the kind with your name and address on them, they are available at Home Depot.

Committee Member Hart: I didn't hear anybody ask these questions. On your route going through Hopewell Township I notices you skirt Traprock Industries which is a quarry and they do blast once in a while and once in a while, they haven't done any this year, but they just got a new license to be quarrying for a few years. So once in awhile they get a little overzealous with their dynamite that goes in and shakes the windows in my store across the street so it is not that far from your pipeline, probably a ¼ mile away or less, so look at that would you please. And also, did you look at the route, it looks like you are going near the Mt. Airy pumping station and that is right on 202 and I was wondering why you didn't look at coming right up the middle of 202 where it is between the two lanes, and then right up 31 so you are not disturbing any ground, any private land. I just wanted to know if you looked at that route.

Committee Member Lester, one of the last questions was, the observation that putting aside for the moment whether or not this pipeline actually gets built, but I was curious as to since you parallel the Transco pipeline, what happened to the concept of co-locating? That question was asked, I have been thinking about it all night, it is on the materials that you gave out at the State Ag meeting that I attended on September 14, 2014 and your red proposed pipeline parallels Transco's green pipeline and you want

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to end up in the same place so what happened to co-locating that I heard about during the presentation that's my first question. My second question, again putting aside the concept of whether or not the line actually gets built, but if the pipeline has to run, does it have to run through forests and farmlands and preserved areas and wetlands and environmental wetlands and rivers? Can you put this pipeline under streets that already exist and we don't have sewers under our streets especially in the north Township, we don't have gas lines because for the most part we don't have gas. So that was my second question, if this actually has to happen, and I'm not prejudging whether it is going to happen or not, but what about the concept of using streets? And thirdly, Alisa during your presentation you said that the Appalachian Trail caused the pipeline to be rerouted and Bernie said that we try to avoid easements and my question is, how do we know this because you are not a transparent entity. You are a private enterprise, you don't have to be transparent, we do, but you are telling us that you did all of these things that President Reagan would say, we trust you, but we would like to verify. So, my question is will you be more transparent in showing what you were thinking about, how you arrived at your current thinking and be more transparent in your future thinking so not just this committee but all of the residents affected by this proposed pipeline can understand what you are thinking about which we can't verify other than your statements, "that trust us we have changed it," and while we would like to trust you we would also like to have an understanding of your thinking in why you propose this, if it gets built, and how that proposal was arrived at. So my question is can't you be more transparent to the public?

Committee Member Brant, thank you for coming out and thanks to the folks from the Township for coming out as well. I heard a lot of good questions that spawned more questions for me. I do have two specific but I think paramount you heard things about safety our concerns. Mr. Waltman brought up a good point about some of our Ordinances. I'm not sure you aware that if you start cutting down trees we have a \$2500 per tree ordinance going on, depending on which tree you cut, you have to replace that tree. My two questions that I don't think I heard tonight, one is if it is a 30", 36" pipeline, we have talked about if it gets shutdown 30 years from now it is no longer in use and sealed up, my question is what if it is not sealed up, what else can that pipeline be used for that we are not thinking about today that would cause safety issues or concerns if we are not careful in the monitoring of it. My second is, I think as Mr. Geoghan asked the question about FERC and that's what we need to focus on. I didn't hear the question asked, the name FERC kept being used almost like a deity, in FERC we trust, who is FERC, their website only rivals ours in user friendliness. I looked and I understand they are only appointees but who are the decision makers on FERC that are making this decision. Is it a random set of people who come through and look at it, are there individual names that we can start talking to. All I heard was FERC, FERC, FERC, and I really don't understand who these people are and I need to know names of decision makers.

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NOTES: 1) *The following questions were extrapolated from the audio recording of the Special Township Committee meeting Tuesday, September 23, 2014. These questions were reconciled with notes taken by the Township Administrator/Engineer and are offered as the basis for seeking written responses from PennEast Pipeline Company.*

2) *Text in italics was not discernible from quality of recording*

Mayor Sandom: Do you have answers to any of those questions tonight? You'll put them in writing.