

The Legislature of Rockland County



ALDEN H. WOLFE
Vice Chairman
Legislator – District 6

Chair, Environmental Committee

AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012
5:30 PM
(PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE)

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 28, 2011 AND MARCH 14, 2012

1. REF. #1021 - **URGING MILLENNIUM PIPELINE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) AN ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY MEANS OF ACCESS TO THE PIPELINE OPERATING IN AND THROUGH KAKIAT PARK, AND URGING FERC TO REJECT ANY APPLICATION ABSENT A PLAN FOR EMERGENCY ACCESS (HONS. ALDEN H. WOLFE & DOUGLAS J. JOBSON, LEGISLATURE)**
2. REF. #1290 - **DISCUSSION ITEM: RECYCLING RECEPTACLES (HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)**

THIS REFERRAL WAS RESCHEDULED FROM THE MARCH 14TH MEETING

3. REF. #2867 - **DISCUSSION ITEM: RCSWMA METHANE GAS FROM CAPPED LANDFILL (HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)**
4. REF. #4124 - **DISCUSSION ITEM: NATIONAL WATER TRAILS SYSTEM (HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)**

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Introduced by:

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor

Referral No.
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RESOLUTION NO. OF 2012
URGING MILLENNIUM PIPELINE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) AN
ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY MEANS OF ACCESS TO THE PIPELINE
OPERATING IN AND THROUGH KAKIAT PARK, AND URGING FERC TO
REJECT ANY APPLICATION ABSENT A PLAN FOR EMERGENCY ACCESS

WHEREAS, Millennium Pipeline, a subsidiary of NiSource and Spectra Energy ("the Pipeline Companies"), owns and operates a natural gas pipeline and facilities servicing the pipeline in and through Kakiat Park, parkland owned by the County of Rockland; and

WHEREAS, Rockland County residents living in the Town of Ramapo border on Kakiat Park, as does the Viola Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Legislature wishes to ensure that the pipeline is maintained in such a manner as to provide the maximum safety to all County residents, especially those who live in close proximity to the pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the only access that the Pipeline Companies have to the pipeline is by traveling along Sky Meadow Road, crossing the Mahwah River on Sky Meadow Bridge, and then entering Kakiat Park; and

WHEREAS, Sky Meadow Road and the bridge over the Mahwah River frequently flood and are inaccessible during hurricanes, other storms, and heavy seasonal rains; and

WHEREAS, in the event of an emergency at the pipeline facilities, the Pipeline Companies have no emergency access to the pipeline or its facilities if Sky Meadow Road or the bridge is flooded; and

WHEREAS, the potential inability to respond immediately in the event of an emergency situation at the pipeline or its facilities presents an unacceptable risk to the residents of Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, the _____ Committee has met, considered and by a vote, approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County hereby requests that the Pipeline companies prepare and submit to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) an alternative means of emergency access to the pipeline and its facilities, and urges FERC to reject any application absent a plan for emergency access; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Legislature be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Hon. Barack H. Obama, President of the United States; Hon. Charles E. Schumer and Hon. Kirsten E. Gillibrand, United States Senators; Hon. Eliot Engel, Hon. Nita Lowey and Hon. Nan Hayworth, Members of the United States Congress; the President Pro Tem of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and House of Representatives; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

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