

— because the town will not hire lawyers to enforce it or pursue any legal recourse if it is violated.

“They could just ignore it if they want, but at least it draws a line in the sand,” Nelke said.



Nelke said the town’s legal counsel advised them not to follow Deerfield’s example after the ban was passed last October.

Earlier this month, Northfield, where a 41,000-horsepower compressor station is expected to be built, issued its own cease and desist order against work related to the project, which would see the 30-inch diameter natural gas pipeline cross eight Franklin County towns on its way from Wright, N.Y., to Dracut, north of

Lowell.

Conway passed a resolution at town meeting in the spring of 2014 formally opposing the project, and has formed an ad-hoc Pipeline Task Force to study the project.

The board also voted to send a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission expressing its support for the Pipeline Task Force’s submission to the federal agency’s environmental impact statement scoping process. The board cited its concerns about drinking water safety, noise and air pollution, safety and the health impacts of periodic gas releases along the pipeline.

“Given the increasing questions about the need for the proposed Northeast Direct natural gas infrastructure expansion, the Conway Board of Health strongly urges FERC to deny the application of Tennessee Gas Pipeline/Kinder Morgan for the NED Pipeline,” the letter read.

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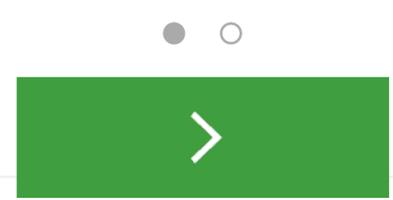
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