

## **Petition to Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion**

### **Mansfield Town Council:**

- **Whereas global warming is damaging the health and well-being of people throughout the world and will do much more damage in the future if the burning of fossil fuels is not stopped,**
- **Whereas natural gas is a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming and traps 34 times more heat than carbon dioxide,**
- **Whereas natural gas leakage from natural gas production and transmission are 25% to 33% of all emissions of natural gas into the air which is equivalent to releasing 50 million tons of carbon dioxide into the air every year,**
- **Whereas the burning of natural gas produces carbon dioxide that remains for 300 to 1000 years in the air,**
- **Whereas the AIM and Access Northeast expansions of the Algonquin Pipeline will increase the amount of natural gas transmitted through Connecticut,**
- **Whereas the expansion of the Pipeline will increase the production of natural gas from hydraulic fracking in Pennsylvania,**
- **Whereas a recent scientific study shows that expanding natural gas production could increase carbon dioxide emissions by 11% by 2050,**
- **Whereas climate scientists are in agreement that the temperature increase since the year 2000 cannot exceed two degrees Fahrenheit without catastrophic damage to our planet,**
- **Whereas a scientific study shows that 50% of all natural gas reserves need to be unused from 2010 to 2050 to avoid exceeding two degrees Fahrenheit,**

**We the undersigned ask the Town of Mansfield to pass a resolution calling upon our state legislators to oppose the expansion of the Algonquin Pipeline through Mansfield including increasing the capacity of the Chaplin Compressor Station at 539 Tower Hill Road.**



