Sample Resolution to Oppose Expansion in Fossil Fuel Infrastructure

Whereas, global warming and resultant climate instability are broadly considered issues requiring correct and sustained actions by nations, states, and communities; and

Whereas, the consensus of climate scientists is there is a limited window of opportunity to act effectively and correctly to lessen the effects of global warming and climate change; and

Whereas, methane is known to be a much more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, further exacerbating global warming and climate change; and

Whereas, production and delivery of natural gas is the largest source of methane emissions in the U.S.; and

Whereas, __________________ has proposed significant expansion of natural gas processing and transport affecting large areas of our state; and

Whereas, compressor stations plus significant expansion of other facilities in the proposed project will continuously emit methane, carbon dioxide, and hazardous chemicals into the atmosphere, expected to be greater than 200,000 tons of additional greenhouse gases each year; and

Whereas, in addition to exacerbating climate change, the emissions of this additional infrastructure threaten air quality and public health across wide swaths of New York State, and can reasonably be expected to have these ill effects in our region.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town of ________________ unequivocally opposes ___ (project) __________________________

Also Be It Resolved, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator ________________, and Assemblymember ________________.