

“I AM WILLING TO GIVE IT MY ALL”

When the plan hit the light of day, there was immediate opposition by a small, but highly articulate group of activists throughout Massachusetts. First, they pointed out there is no proof of a so-called “energy crisis,” or even a small need for more energy. And, second, if there is a modest need for energy, it should be supplied by renewables.

In May 2014, after coming through a total knee replacement, I began self-education about the fracked gas pipeline that would go across all of Massachusetts from the Berkshires to the coast.

In July I went on a “NO PIPELINE” walk across the state and heard peoples’ anguished stories.

In August, I decided their stories had to be heard and began doing videos of individual homeowners and politicians about the environmental and financial disaster this pipeline would be to us in Massachusetts.

In September 2014, I began to learn how to use a video camera to record these stories and by June 2015, I had recorded 36 interviews that were airing on 30 TV Community Cable Access stations across the state.

By mid-July 2015, I was organizing local vigils where people are not only facing a 36-inch fracked gas pipeline, but a number of compressor stations as well.

Now at the end of August this year, I am working with others to start non-violent trainings for blockades of pipeline infrastructure and compressor stations.

What are our chances of winning and stopping this pipeline? Slim! But if any state CAN do it, it will be Massachusetts and I am willing to give it my all.