

TIMELINE OF THE COMPRESSOR STATION FIGHT

2015 - 2020

2015:

- Jan 2015 - Initial Atlantic Bridge (AB) Open House
- Jan 2015 - FRRACS is formed
- Spring 2015 - AB Open Houses
- May 2015 - AB FERC Scoping Meeting
- May 2015 - AB Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) Hearing
- Fall 2015 - Access Northeast (ANE) Open Houses

2016:

- Mar 2016 - MassDEP Hearing for Spectra's Waterways Permit Application
- Apr 2016 - ConCom Meeting for Spectra's Wetlands Permit Application
- May 2016 - Environmental Assessment for Atlantic Bridge is Released
- May 2016 - ANE Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) Hearing
- May 2016 - Weymouth ConCom Denies Atlantic Bridge Wetlands Permit
- July 2016 - Spectra appeals ConCom's AB Wetlands Permit Denial (requests an SOC - Superseding Order of Conditions)
- July 2016 - MassDEP Site Visit (in response to Spectra's appeal of ConCom's decision) - launches 30 day comment period
- Aug 2016 - Coastal Zone Management (CZM) places a 1-year Stay on Spectra's Federal Consistency Review for AB
- Aug 2016 - SJC Rules the Pipeline Tax Unconstitutional
- Sep 2016 - Enbridge announces they will be purchasing Spectra
- Sep 2016 - MassDEP conditionally approves Spectra's request for an SOC for the ConCom permit denial
- Oct 2016 - Pre-hearing to review ConCom's appeal of MassDEP's Superseding Order of Conditions (SOC)
- Oct 2016 - MassDEP files motion for a stay - in response to the recent appeal of the SOC
- Nov 2016 - ANE put on hold
- Dec 2016 - Calpine (illegally) sells North Parcel to Spectra
- Dec 2016 - Town files lawsuit against Calpine for illegal land sale

2017:

- Jan 2017 - Metering and regulating station leaks at site
- Jan 2017 - FERC grants Conditional Approval for Atlantic Bridge
- Feb 2017 - FRRACS files a request for rehearing on Atlantic Bridge; Town of Weymouth files a request for rehearing
- Apr 2017 - MassDEP orders an extension on their stay on the Wetlands ordinance
- Spring 2017: Local Weymouth resident launches a daily sit-in at Gov.'s office
- May 2017 - MassDEP indicates approval of Ch. 91 Waterways License
- May 2017 - FRRACS releases results from our air quality testing
- June 2017 - Town of Weymouth and FRRACS file appeals on Waterways License
- June 2017 - Access Northeast is withdrawn from the FERC docket
- July 2017 - Governor breaks his silence - mandates a Health Impact Assessment
- July 2017 - FRRACS releases a TV Ad
- Aug 2017 - Coastal Zone Management (CZM) extends 1-year stay by 6 months
- Aug 2017 - MassDEP issues waterways stay
- Oct 2017 - FRRACS files a "Public Involvement Plan" (PIP) petition regarding on-site oil contamination
- Dec 2017 - FERC denies request for rehearing regarding the Conditional Certificate of Convenience (permit) for Atlantic Bridge

2018:

- Jan 2018 - Judge rules in favor of Enbridge re: Wetlands; Town follows with appeal
- June 2018 - First Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Community Meeting is held
- July 2018 - MassDEP (agency participating in HIA) begins air quality testing
- Aug 2018 - Wetlands and Waterways Hearings at MassDEP
- Sep 2018 - Merrimack Valley Gas Explosion
- Sep 2018 - Lawmakers ask for compressor proposal to be halted after deadly Merrimack Valley Gas Explosion
- Fall 2018 - FRRACS launches second TV ad and unveils 2 new billboards
- Nov 2018 - Second HIA community meeting is held
- Dec 2018 - Enbridge requests 2 year extension from FERC on their conditional certificate; FERC immediately approves request

2019:

- Jan 2019 - MAPC (group tasked with conducting HIA) releases faulty HIA
- Jan 2019 - MassDEP conditionally approves Air Quality permit; FRRACS appeals
- Feb 2019 - MassDEP hearing on waterways concludes
- Feb 2019 - MAPC states opposition to compressor station siting, despite HIA report
- Feb 2019 - The second half of the bifurcated waterways appeal is completed
- March 2019--prefile conference for the air quality appeal is completed
- Apr 2019 - FRRACS, the Towns of Weymouth, Braintree, and Hingham, and the City of Quincy file testimony for the AQ appeal. FRRACS and the Town of Weymouth have expert witnesses to deliver testimony
- May 2019 - Air Quality appeal begins at DEP. On the final day of testimony (May 17), the DEP "dumps" 759 pages of data on the petitioners. The data was available prior to the start of the appeal and was available for many months prior had the DEP request it. The DEP withheld the data from discoveries and likely would not have given us the information had not an investigative reporter "outed" them for withholding information in April.
- June 2019 - Wetlands appeal is re-opened by the DEP due to the issuance of a certificate of non-compliance by DEP Department of Waste Site Cleanup. The wetlands appeal had been completed in August of 2018
- June 2019 - Air quality appeal is re-opened by DEP due to the data dump from the prior appeal
- July 2019: Twenty-nine state senators send a letter to Commissioner Suuberg and Governor Baker in an effort to put a stop to the compressor station proposal.
- July 2019 - DEP issues favorable decision on the air quality plan approval and then issues final permit
- July 2019 - FRRACS launches 3rd TV ad
- July 2019 - Enbridge (Spectra/Algonquin) enters into an Administrative Consent Order with the Department of Waste Site Cleanup. Enbridge failed to meet the July 19 deadline for additional water and soil sampling from the contaminated site. New date for compliance, a new access and use limitations plan, and a new permanent solutions plan is January of 2020. New date for full compliance is July of 2020. They cannot construct until the contamination is handled to the Department's satisfaction

2019:

- Aug 2019 - FRRACS, the Towns of Weymouth, Braintree, Hingham, the City of Quincy, and a 10 residents group from Hingham file in Federal Court for a review of the DEP air quality decision. FRRACS and the Town of Weymouth also file in Norfolk Superior Court on the 30A for the AQ permit.
- Aug 2019 - Coastal Zone Management issues another stay until August 15. Final CZM determination of consistency relies on the wetlands and waterways decisions and permits--neither of which have been granted at this time. CZM assumes this will be done before Sept. 5 and is planning to issue its determination at that time
- Aug 2019 - FRRACS continues to pursue the promised safety and coastal resiliency reports from Gov. Baker's administration
- Sep 2019 - TRC, Enbridge's environmental consultant, releases draft RAM (release abatement measure) plan. This is Enbridge's draft construction plan, which includes steps for how to clean up the contamination at the proposed site. A public meeting is planned for October for the public to share comments on the plan.
- Sep 2019 - #sitwithandrea reaches 200th day of sitting in at Gov. Baker's office. He continues to refuse to meet with Andrea and all other community members.
- Oct 2019 - FRRACS blocks MassDEP's entrance in Boston to demand that the agency deny the remaining permits for the compressor station. Nathan Phillips, FRRACS member, was arrested at MassDEP. This was FRRACS' first arrestable action.
- Oct 2019 - FRRACS launches "Pledge to Take Action" for community members to get involved in a sustained resistance of the compressor station proposal.
- Oct 2019 - Senator Markey visits the proposed compressor station site
- Oct 2019 - FRRACS holds 2nd Annual Fall Fest at the park next to the proposed site
- Oct 2019 - TRC (Enbridge's consultant) holds a public meeting to discuss the RAM (release abatement measure) plan for construction and clean up of the site.
- Oct 2019 - Commissioner Martin Suuberg of MassDEP issues final approval for Enbridge's wetlands and waterways permits. FRRACS begins process to file appeals in superior court to contest these two approvals.
- Oct 2019 - FRRACS organizes a "Toxic Tour" of all of the agencies involved in approving permits for the compressor: DEP, DPH, MAPC, TRC, Mintz Levin, and Gov. Baker.

2019:

- Nov 2019: National Grid, Eversource, and other utilities officially state that they do not need the gas that would be coming from the compressor station. There is no documented need for the gas. Due to the documented lack of need, appeals are filed with FERC to demand that they deny the final certificate of approval for the project.
- Nov 2019: CZM (Coastal Zone Management) issues favorable approval of the Determination of Consistency, Enbridge's last permit.
- Nov 2019 - Weymouth School Committee adopts a resolution to oppose the compressor.
- Nov 2019: Congressman Joe Kennedy visits the proposed compressor site
- Nov 2019: Senators Markey and Warren urge FERC to reconsider compressor propo
- Nov 2019: Town of Weymouth files more lawsuits against the compressor proposal. The lawsuits seek to overturn CZM's approval of the project and DEP's wetlands and waterways approvals.
- Nov 2019: FERC grants Enbridge with a Notice to Proceed with construction
- Dec 2019: Enbridge begins initial phases of destruction
- Dec 2019: FRRACS members and allies block entrance to the destruction site at the proposed compressor site; 4 people are arrested.
- Dec 2019: FRRACS premieres their new documentary, Telling the Stories, which shares the stories of people who have been impacted by pollution in the Fore River Basin.
- Dec 2019: Community ask MassDEP to do more testing of asbestos at the proposed site
- Dec 2019: Six more people are arrested at the proposed site in an effort to stall construction activities
- Mass Teachers Association hold action at the proposed compressor site

2020:

- FRRACS plans and preps for the year to come. The year that we win.