

Brookline School Committee Overview

Warrant Article 38 –

A Resolution Calling for Swift, Just Building Decarbonization in the Commonwealth

Warrant Article 39 –

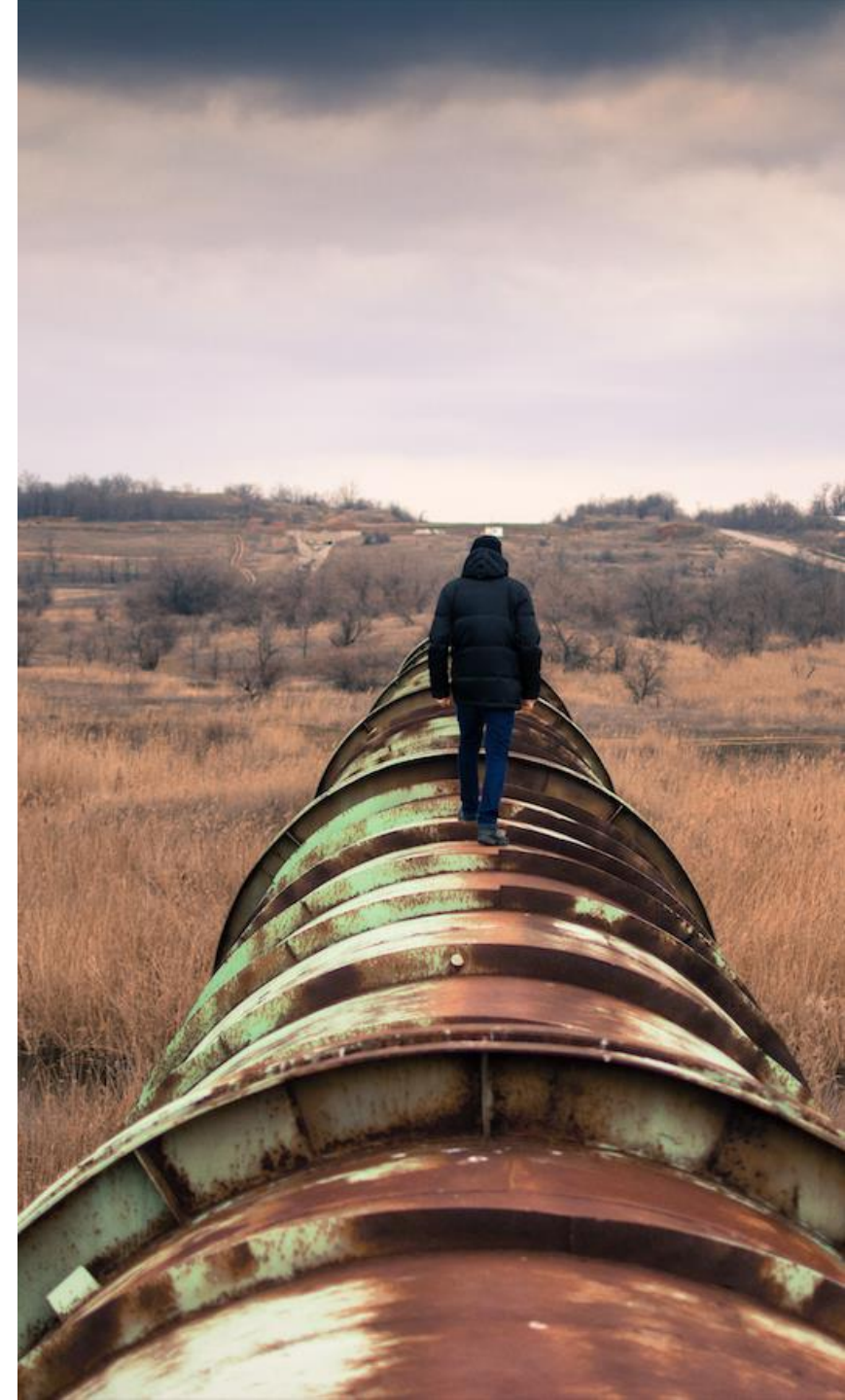
An Act Authorizing the Town of Brookline to Adopt and Enforce Local Regulations Restricting New Fossil Fuel Infrastructure in Certain Construction

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Home Rule Petition

Non-Binding Resolution to Catalyze State
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Local Incentives



Warrant Article 38 – Non-Binding Resolution

The resolution calls upon the Massachusetts State Legislature, Department of Public Utilities, and Board of Building Regulations and Standards to take actions towards building decarbonization to meet our climate goals.

Specifically, the resolution demands:

- A “just transition” – ensuring that the benefits of building decarbonization are distributed equitably, and that impacted workers are treated fairly;
- Municipal authority to prohibit fossil fuels in certain construction;
- The Department of Public Utilities’ urgent, full compliance with Attorney General Healy’s petition for a plan to transition the state away from fossil fuels;
- The alignment of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards with the state’s decarbonization goals.

Warrant Article 39 – Home Rule Petition

- Towns and cities use home rule petitions to request special authority from the state to implement laws that would otherwise be prohibited.
- Our home rule petition calls upon the Massachusetts State Legislature to allow Brookline to implement Warrant Article 21.
- The petition complements the resolution and also serves as an advocacy tool.
- Home rule petitions put direct pressure on the state legislature to act while also building public awareness and engagement.
- The success or failure of the petition is less important than the signal it sends to the state, the momentum it continues in MA, and the attention it draws to the urgent need for building decarbonization.