



# Town of Sugar Hill

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Representative Carol McGuire, Chairman  
Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules  
25 Capitol Street, Room 219  
Concord, NH 03301

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Dear Chairman McGuire:

After reading the Site Evaluation Committee's (SEC) comments on the review of their administrative rules, the town of Sugar Hill is submitting this letter to **officially protest** the interpretation that the law's intent is for the SEC to become the state's planning and zoning authority.

We strongly object to any attempt to make the unelected SEC the preemptive planning and zoning authority for the state of New Hampshire.

Under RSA 673.1 the legislature of New Hampshire gave the right to every town to elect a planning board to oversee the planning and zoning for the town's legislative body. Within that intent was RSA 674.2 which describes the duty of the planning board is to prepare and amend as necessary a master plan to guide the development of a municipality. This allows for local control to meet the needs of individual communities that direct current and future development related issues. The government must allow the people to prepare and determine as much of their municipal future as society allows. The State Site Evaluation Committee should not have the power to disregard local control over projects that will have enormous impacts within the towns and cities of New Hampshire.

We ask that you oversee the Site Committee's recommendation of Administrative Rules to ensure that all planning and zoning for New Hampshire does not become centralized, particularly in regards to elective energy projects.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Sugar Hill Select Board

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