

November 7, 2017

Plymouth Water and Sewer Department
CC: NH Site Evaluation Committee
ATTN: Merelise O'Connor, District Administrator
Board of Commissioners

I am writing today to express my dissatisfaction with the MOU which Plymouth Water and Sewer Department has signed with Northern Pass Transmission Project. Plymouth's Main Street, its businesses and the gazebo, are a very special place. The people of Plymouth, Plymouth Main Street businesses, Plymouth State University and the Selectboard, who have spoken overwhelmingly in opposition to the project's plan to tear up Main Street and the roundabout, realize this.

As explained by the developer during the Site Evaluation Committee's tour of Main Street just last month, the roundabout will be torn up, and traffic will be diverted into residential areas. Just imagine enjoying your morning coffee at Monte Alto with jackhammers digging up the pavement? Or sending your children off to play in your quiet neighborhood that has now become a thoroughfare? And where will shoppers park? Plymouth's parking situation is already abysmal and construction will mean reduced parking and more "road closed" signs.

The developers have stated this project will affect downtown Plymouth for up to 4 months...from PSU graduation until after the students arrive back in early September. What a way to greet parents and incoming students...detours and lack of easy access to our lovely Main Street.

I am very unhappy with this MOU and although I realize that the Water and Sewer Department will benefit financially, I ask you to think about the many downtown businesses who will face closure or bankruptcy without their usual customers who abandon them because Main Street is closed and traffic overwhelming. Those customers who will instead head to the big box stores on Tenney Mountain Highway.

I ask you to please reconsider this ill conceived MOU and stand with the rest of Plymouth and just say no.

Sincerely,

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