

**FEEDBACK FROM DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH BUSINESSES SENT TO SHARON PENNEY,
PLYMOUTH TOWN PLANNER IN MARCH 2017**

From: FM GM [<mailto:fmgm@thecman.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 5:15 PM
To: Sharon Penney - Plymouth Town Planner <spenney@plymouth-nh.org>
Subject: RE: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

Hi Sharon,
Brooks Bartlett
General Manager ~ Talent Buyer
The Flying Monkey Movie House and Performance Center
39 Main Street
Plymouth NH 03264
603-536-2551

The Monkey will be 7 years old in August, employs 20-30 part time employees and 4 full time.
How do I reply to this? With Questions?
Imagine a sellout show with less parking than we already have? Never mind the traffic flow if it is shut down during a show.
How do I get a trailer truck, tour bus with a trailer etc. to unload equipment through the front door?
Our average guest on a big show travels 1-1.5 hours and then to find no parking. Do you think they will come back? Doubtful it is very hard to do this in Plymouth to start with. I think this impact on The Flying Monkey could be fateful.....
I think it is safe to say we have a big effect on the local area restaurants and lodging that will also be impacted severely.
Thank You Sharon for asking.
Brooks Bartlett GM

From: Katie Chapman [<mailto:katiecchapman730@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 6:08 PM
To: spenney@plymouth-nh.org
Subject: Northern Pass through Plymouith.

Hello,

My name is Katie Chapman. (603)289-4228.
Lucky Dog Tavern and Grill 51 Main St. Plymouth, NH
Our Business is a restaurant and Tavern that has been in business for 24 years. Our cliental is a large variety of people. We get the locals, the students and our busy season occurs from tourists. We have about 26 employees.
I think the description covers the probable impacts to our common business interest. As a restaurant many of our tourists in the area are walk ins. They may see our neon sign when they drive by, park and come in to check it out. This will eliminate any drive by traffic and potential customers that brings our business and others. People will most likely avoid the whole area due to the construction, traffic, and lack of parking.
The impact for us will be felt for a long time. Once that money is lost during our busy season the business and the employees will all feel the impact not only during the construction but also

after. Servers and bartenders rely on tips to earn a living. Our staff is made mostly of older people who have families to support. When they lose wages during these busy months it will most likely put them behind in their income for the entire year. There is not a way to earn back these lost wages.

The Northern Pass in general will also have very long term affects to our area. Tourists come up to Northern NH to get back to nature. They come up for beautiful peaceful views . They want to see Moose and go camping. If the Northern Pass progresses tourists will stop coming to this area because they do not want to see giant electric poles in the middle of their peaceful getaway view. Eventually people will find another place to vacation and getaway.

Thank You.

Katie Chapman

From: Patricia Bahr [<mailto:ptbahr@plymouth.edu>]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:48 AM

To: spenney@plymouth-nh.org

Cc: Steve Rand <rstevenrand@yahoo.com>; Donald Birx <dlbirx@plymouth.edu>

Subject: RE: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community - followup copy

Hello Sharon,

Attached please find Plymouth State University's brief impact statement regarding the Northern Pass construction project. Please include it in your documents for submission to Consultant Tom Kavet - Counsel for the Public.

Thank you,

Pat

Pat Bahr, Executive Assistant

Pronouns: she, her(s)

Office of the President

Plymouth State University

17 High Street, MSC 1

Plymouth, NH 03264

603-535-2210

On Plymouth State University Letterhead, Office of the President

March 15, 2017

To: Consultant Tom Kavet - Counsel for the Public

From: Plymouth State University

Re: Northern Pass buried lines impact over 6-12 week period (April-August)

The burial of lines during this period would have a significant impact on the university. It's our understanding that traffic would be rerouted through the campus. In short this is a very busy time for our school and region, and a project of this scope will disrupt multiple Plymouth State University activities. At the start of the project, PSU will be in middle of the semester until the third week of May. During that time, we will be holding open house sessions for our next incoming class which will add large numbers to our regular population during the semester. Also, we will be hosting our annual graduation commencement event at the end of May for our graduate and undergraduate students. In June we host 5 different orientation sessions for our incoming class and throughout the summer, host a variety of conferences, classes, and summer programming at the Silver Center for the Arts. Furthermore, buildings on campus will undergo refurbishing while the students are away which requires a number of contractors and workers to commute to campus during the week. In August our athletes will be coming early along with a large part of our student worker population. We also host "Panther Days" for all incoming first year students in August before the whole school is back in session at the beginning of September. In summary, PSU will be engaged in activities that will draw high volumes of traffic to the area over the 6-12 week proposed time frame.

From: Dave Chapman [<mailto:drchapman730@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 4:23 PM

To: spenney@plymouth-nh.org

Subject: The Lucky Dog

David Chapman

- Drchapman730@gmail.com
- [603-738-2383](tel:603-738-2383)
- Owner/Partner

The Lucky Dog Tavern and Grill

53 S main st
Plymouth NH 03264

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- Restaurant
- Open for 24 years
- 35 Employees

If the northern pass goes down main st this summer it will seriously jeopardize our business. Closing the road will disrupt tourist and local traffic and push them out of downtown during the busiest months for our town. If we had to close for an extended amount of time we could lose everything. Our employees depend on tips from tourist and local traffic. Being a small family run business we could go under. This wouldn't be like the 1990s sidewalks. When the town did the sidewalks in the 90s small sections were closed. In order to run cable huge sections would be

closed. WE ARE NOT FOR THE NORTHERN PASS RIPPING THROUGH OUR MAIN ST COMMUNITY.

From: Sheridan Buhrman [<mailto:pemilaundry@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 1:03 PM

To: Sharon Penney - Plymouth Town Planner <spenney@plymouth-nh.org>

Subject: Re: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

Consultant Tom Kavet - Counsel for the Public,

My family owns several businesses on Main Street in Plymouth. These include the Pemi Valley Laundry, the Lucky Dog Tavern and Grill and some rental properties. We employ between 30 to 40 people at any given time. We have been in business since the early 1990's.

If this project were to go forward, the disruption to our businesses would be severe. We do a lot of business with PSU students until they graduate in late May, in June, there is Motorcycle week, which is a big week in the restaurant business, the summer tourism season starts in late June and runs through late August and then PSU students return. The busiest time in the Pemi Laundry is July and August when we have our summer camp business. We pick up, wash and dry and deliver over a ton of laundry per day during this time. We can't take a day off for construction during this time because we are operating at full capacity every day.

Parking on Main Street in Plymouth is already a nightmare, and now Northern Pass will take away a significant amount of that for weeks or even months at a time. This will push some businesses out of business and will harm them all. We have worked hard in our community to keep downtown thriving, and we have one of the few small town downtown areas left that is economically sound. Northern Pass could damage our downtown for years to come. Once you start accumulating vacant storefronts in a downtown, it becomes a domino effect, and customers stop coming and businesses stop opening.

I see no benefit to the town, its citizens, nor its business community from this project. We shoulder all of the downside while Northern Pass reaps all the benefits. We aren't even being offered any form of compensation for our lost revenues, inconvenience, and our employees lost income. Most of our employees depend on their weekly paychecks to make ends meet. This will harm them the most, and they can least afford it.

Please find an alternate route. Plymouth can't afford this.

Sincerely,

Sheridan Buhrman, Patty Buhrman and Chuck Buhrman
Pemi Valley Laundry, Lucky Dog Tavern and Grill & 135 Main Street, LLC
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(603) 536-2260 (Lucky Dog Tavern and Grill)
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(603) 254-3323 (Chuck)

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pemilaundry@gmail.com

From: Carol Dunn [<mailto:info@dressersunlimited.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 1:10 PM
To: spenney@plymouth-nh.org
Subject: Consultant Tom Kavet - Counsel for the Public

Carol Dunn
Dressers Unlimited LLC
77 Main Street
Plymouth, New Hampshire
603-536-3066

I am both property and business owner at 77 Main Street in Plymouth. My boutique has been at this address for approximately 17 years. Prior to this location I was in several Main Street locations starting in 1995. My store carries primarily new womens' and mens' fashions as well as vintage furnishings, home decor, gifts, and tuxedo rentals. We currently have 4/5 employees.

There is absolutely no doubt that the construction and disruption proposed for the Northern Pass project of the Main Street will have enormous negative economic impact on my business. Traffic flow and parking spaces are a top priority to maintain customer and pedestrian visits. The months from May to November are the busiest for our downtown and the sales during this time are what hopefully keep us in business. I was on Main Street in the 90's during the sidewalk and pipe reconstruction. During this time many businesses went under, I was fortunate to hold on since I was a smaller establishment with little overhead and no payroll. I believe that this proposal will cause us serious loss. Every parking space and it's turnover is essential to keep our business operational. Construction vehicles along with the noise, dust and traffic jams will most certainly deter visitation during needed months.

It has taken years of hard work and community efforts to get our downtown landscaped and full of vital locally owned businesses. There is no doubt that if the plan for the Northern Pass through our Main Street evolves we will be closing shop. The profit margin leaves little room for such an extensive and massive disruption.

Thank you,

Carol Dunn

From: Pam Carroll [<mailto:pam.carroll@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 1:11 PM
To: spenney@plymouth-nh.org
Subject: Northern Pass Objection

Good Afternoon,

I have attached a letter of objection for your reference. Please let me know if you need anything else on my end.

Thank you!

Pam

The UPS StoreSM



Print & Business Services

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Plymouth NH 03264-1565
Phone: 603.536.7766
Fax: 603.536.2812
store3582@theupsstore.com
theupsstorelocal.com/3582

To Whom It May Concern,

I have recently taken ownership of the UPS Store at 75 Main Street in Plymouth, New Hampshire. After the passing of Mark Younger (the previous owner) and a difficult technical transition for this business, I am fighting very hard to keep things operational and to provide a much needed service to this community.

It is my understanding that there are plans for Northern Pass project, construction on Main Street, which will disturb small businesses for numerous weeks.

I object to this proposal based on the time sensitivity of the service my business provides. It is simply not possible to provide customers with efficient shipping services if they cannot easily access our store front.

Please consider my strong objection to this project as a business owner in this community.

Best regards,

Pamela Carroll
Co-Owner
The UPS Store #3582

From: Alyssa Yolda [<mailto:alyssa@truecolorsprint.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 12:25 PM

To: spenney@plymouth-nh.org

Cc: Allan Guilbeault <allan@laclairguilbeault.com>; Mark LaClair <mark@laclairguilbeault.com>; Roy

Whitaker <roy@truecolorsprint.com>; Orders True Colors Print <orders@truecolorsprint.com>

Subject: RE: Main Street Business/Northern Pass Comment Period

To: Consultant Tom Kavet - Counsel for the Public

I am writing today on behalf of True Colors Print & Design, a custom printing and design business located at 57 Main Street in Plymouth, NH. Our business has been at its current location for over 15 years, employing 6 full time and 2 part time employees.

The proposed Northern Pass project and its route directly beneath Main Street, Plymouth will have a profound negative impact on our business. Road closures along Main Street will leave little to no access to our business during construction. If customers cannot access our business to receive the products they order, we will business to printers in other areas where customers can access them more easily (Staples in Tilton or Littleton, online vendors that can ship directly to homes/businesses, etc.).

In a typical span of 70 days, the "best case" scenario for completed Northern Pass construction along Main Street, we process approximately 280 orders. As stated in the Economic Impact Analysis, it is expected that businesses will have a **30%** reduction in business during that time. That would mean 84 less orders and \$1,000's in lost revenue. We are a small, locally owned and operated business, to experience a loss of even half that would put great strain on our budget in the short-term and the long term effects would have a lasting impact. If a customer chooses a different vendor just once because of a hardship in using our business, we risk losing that business forever. This 70 day/30% hit can easily turn into even greater losses for years to come.

Indirectly, a significant number of our customers are in the tourism industry which will be severely impacted by this project. When our customers begin to see a loss in visitors, their revenues will go down, and it will quickly be felt down the entire chain - from vendors like ourselves to local tax, toll, and Rooms & Meals revenues to the state, leading to less funds for the services all granite staters rely on.

Our business is adamantly opposed to this project and its proposed route. The negative impact it will have on our business far outweighs any benefit that Eversource claims it will have on our state.

Thank you,

Alyssa Yolda, CEO
True Colors Print & Design
57 Main Street
Plymouth, NH 03264
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6 Full time/2 Part time employees

16 Years at current location

From: Hertha Giunta [<mailto:montealto@roadrunner.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:59 AM
To: 'Sharon Penney - Plymouth Town Planner' <spenney@plymouth-nh.org>
Subject: RE: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

Hello Sharon:

Here is the requested information for Café Monte Alto:

- Edward S. Giunta, Phone # 603-536 2524 & 603-5-630 3314
- Café Monte Alto, 83 Main Street, Plymouth, NH 03264
- Coffee shop established 09/15/1997
- 12 Employees
- The description in the Economic Impact Analysis covers many important aspects, one aspect is that we as a business will not survive a loss of income over a whole summer period. Our employees will definitely lose their jobs and we will lose valuable employees. Customers will go elsewhere and how many will return after this insanity has been completed? We business owners on Main Street Plymouth work hard every single day to make this area attractive and to create social meeting points for our residents. How is it possible for those who decide whether to ruin or not ruin our existence to think this is in anybody's best interest? Imagine a dead Main Street in Plymouth, that is what would happen unless the lost income of every business is compensated by those who so lightly endanger it.
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Hope this helps!
Micky

From: Scott Towle [<mailto:stowle@noyesins.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 11:59 AM
To: Sharon Penney - Plymouth Town Planner <spenney@plymouth-nh.org>
Subject: RE: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

Scott Towle stowle@noyesins.com
Noyes Insurance 63 Main Street Plymouth NH 03264
Insurance Agency that has been on Main Street for over 50 years
We have 8 employees

I think there will be great impact to my business if the Main Street is ripped up. First off the foot traffic that comes into our office dailey will be affected. We do have quite a bit of walk in business. Not to mention the noise of the construction that is taking place. It will make it harder for our employees to properly do their jobs with the extra noise and commotion coming from Main Street. Finally we do business with the other businesses on Main Street and if they are affected it affects us. Loss in revenue for them could mean we lose a client.

I do believe this construction project would have such a detrimental effect on the Main Street businesses in Plymouth.

Scott Towle

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From: Alex Ray [<mailto:alexray@worldpath.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:43 PM

To: 'Sharon Penney - Plymouth Town Planner' <spenney@plymouth-nh.org>

Subject: RE: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

To: **Consultant Tom Kavet - Counsel for the Public**

- My name is Alex Ray and I am the owner of the Common Man family of restaurants.
- Common Man. In Plymouth I own the following:
 - Common Man Inn restaurant and spa on N. Main Street (35 rooms, spa, 300+ restaurant and function halls, wedding and venue)
 - The Flying Monkey Live Performance Theater on South Main Street (seats +450 with movies nightly and large capacity performances weekly)
 - An apartment and professional office building at 35 S. Main Street
 - A multi-use retail space housing 3 non-profit businesses and 2 rental units at 5 S. Main Street,
 - A summer-only successful youth venture non-profit ice cream business operated by Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth (CADY0, and
 - A large restaurant and function complex called the Italian Farmhouse (250 seat restaurant)

These are all located on the proposed pipeline route in Plymouth.

- My business is primarily hospitality, with a family of restaurants, inns, two welcome centers, and various retail and rental properties. It has been in operation since 1971 (46 years)
- 1,200 company-wide; estimated employment in excess of 150 in the Plymouth Main Street corridor
- Does the description in the Economic Impact Analysis cover all the probable impacts to our common business interests? If so, please say so. If not, add anything you think is important.
- If access were diverted, it would be fatal for our summer weddings, inn and restaurants and the employees who rely on that work. In the Monkey alone, the performance center relies heavily on Main St parking for its concerts of upwards of 450 people and 25 employees— an economic engine that brings people from all over New England for top-name shows such as David Crosby. These people also visit other restaurants and businesses in this same downtown corridor. In short, losing business for 10 to 17 weeks will have a devastating, immediate effect on our business overall, and a much longer impact to recoup our customer base after such a lengthy and significant impact. This financial impact on employees, staff, customers and our viability overall would take years from which to recover.
- If this transmission line ever comes to fruition in any way, I can't think of a worse place than down the Main Street of Plymouth, not only because of the economic impact but because it is the most constructive difficulty relative to bedrock, narrow tight buildings, etc when they could go around it on Green St and river bottom with few buildings being disturbed. This would bypass and thus preserve the main village center that is vital to many families financial stability.

If I can provide further information, please contact me at any time at alexray@worldpath.net. I would be glad to personally participate in any discussion or panels.

Thank you,

Alex Ray

To: Consultant Tom Kavet – Counsel for the Public

Re: Disruption of Main Street Plymouth by Proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project

From: Kathleen M. Kearns, Executive Director

kathy@circleprogram.org (603) 536-4244

The Circle Program
85 Main Street
Plymouth, NH 03264

The Circle Program is a 501C-3 non-profit organization with a mission to provide economically and socially disadvantaged New Hampshire girls and teens with resources and new opportunities to learn the skills, courage, and confidence they need to handle the challenges in their lives. We do this through a unique combination of adult and peer support that is delivered through our residential summer camp and year-round mentoring programs.

Currently, we serve 92 girls from 32 New Hampshire towns throughout the Greater Concord, Laconia and Plymouth areas. The Circle girls are mentored by 85 volunteer mentors who serve as role models and who dedicate their talents, time and personal resources to provide girls with a consistent, caring presence in their lives. The Circle Program helps girls break the cycle of poverty that would be their family's legacy without outside intervention and Circle's preventative education that makes a positive difference in their lives. Girls are fully subsidized or "scholarshipped" for their participation. The Circle staff and board raise our organization's annual budget revenue (currently budgeted at \$551,000) through special events, individual and corporate donations, grants and foundations, and other fundraising initiatives.

The Circle Program office, our program's home base, is located at 85 Main Street, Plymouth, and our organization is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. Founded in 1993, we have enjoyed incredible community support from local individuals, businesses and foundations that have recognized the value of our teaching disadvantaged girls and teens the critical life skills they need to thrive and become contributing, valued members of our community.

The Circle Program employs six year-round staff members and more than 25 summer seasonal camp counselors and camp staff. We are a year-round program that serves girls from fifth grade until they graduate high school. Mentors meet one-one-one at least twice a month with a girl from their community. Together, all the Circle girls, their mentors and our program

staff take part in educational field trips and community service projects on a monthly basis during the school year.

Our office is our base for curriculum development, grant writing, scheduling activities, professional development, seasonal hiring, planning for fundraisers and special events, and more. Because our constituents are disadvantaged and have unique challenges, our office also becomes the place for parents, mentors, and girls to drop in for counseling, support, and additional resources all year long. Donors, community partners, board members, and referring agencies also drop in on a regular basis to offer their services and contribute support.

We already struggle to find daily parking for our small office staff with a very limited number of available parking spaces in town, but a Northern Pass Transmission Project would make it virtual impossible for us to continue to do business in the Plymouth downtown area. Street closures, construction noise, and the elimination of current parking areas would not only disrupt our services, but would take-away our office as the headquarters for support of all our constituents.

As much as we enjoy being a part of the Plymouth downtown area, we would seriously need to consider moving our non-profit office to a new location to ensure our accessibility. Incurring the cost of a move of this nature would be an expense that would hurt our program operations and directly hurt our constituents. And, even if the Northern Pass construction project was completed in “best case” scenario, i.e. in a timely fashion, if we have moved our home base from Plymouth, we would not be inclined to incur the additional cost of returning to Main Street.

We believe the Northern Pass Project, as it is current proposed, will be permanently disastrous to the continued economic growth and development of the Greater Plymouth area and will not benefit the community in any way. Retail business and tourism will decline, the Plymouth State University students will consider transferring to another school, and community members and non-profits will avoid the downtown area altogether. If people are forced to take their business elsewhere, their current shopping and dining habits will change and Main Street will be forever devastated. We hope that as the NH Counsel for the Public, you will convey our concerns to the Office of the Attorney General.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Kearns, Executive Director

From: Cindy Williams [<mailto:cjhw1@myfairpoint.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:14 AM

To: spenney@plymouth-nh.org

Subject: PLYMOUTH MAIN STREET BUSINESS SURVIVAL

Thank you for the notification regarding the intent of Northern Pass. I attached my list of concerns. Please confirm receipt!

NAME: CINDY WILLIAMS

BUSINESS NAME; PEPPERCORN NATURAL FOODS

NATURE OF BUSINESS: HEALTH FOOD AND SUPPLEMENT STORE

AGE OF BUSINESS 40 YEARS

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 6

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS COVERS MY CONCERNS – THERE ARE ONGOING ISSUES WITH PARKING DAILY AND COMPLAINTS BY CUSTOMERS THAT THEY AREN'T ABLE TO FIND PARKING. IN ADDITION, I HAVE VERY SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT DAMAGE TO MY BUILDING. THE FOUNDATION IS ITS ORIGINAL STONE FOUNDATION AND BUILDING STRUCTURE ORIGINAL. WITH THE DISRUPTION OF THE CONCRETE BASE OF THE ROADWAY IN ADDITION TO THE NECESSARY DEPTH OF DIGGING PROPOSED AND CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MY BUILDING, I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT THE VIBRATION, ETC. WILL CAUSE PERMANENT DAMAGE TO MY BUILDING. THE DUST CAUSED BY CONSTRUCTION WILL CAUSE ADDITIONAL CLEANING AND POSSIBLE HEALTH CONDITIONS BECAUSE OF MY BUILDING'S CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE ROADWAY.

THE IMPACT TO MY BUSINESS WILL BE TREMENDOUS. WE HAVE MANY ELDERLY CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY WALKING AND THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION WILL MAKE IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THESE PEOPLE TO PARK AND SHOP AT OUR STORE. JUST THE INCONVENIENCE WILL CAUSE PEOPLE TO SHOP ELSEWHERE. WE ALREADY NOTICE REDUCTIONS IN SALES WHEN THE MONKEY HAS EVENTS AND USES ALL THE ON STREET PARKING DURING OUR OPEN HOURS. IT WILL MOST LIKELY PUT US OUT OF BUSINESS.

IF WE ARE ABLE TO THRIVE AND REMAIN IN BUSINESS, I AM SURE THE IMPACT WILL BE ONGOING FOR QUITE SOME TIME. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO KNOW.

OUR BUSINESS WAS OPEN IN THE 90'S WHEN SIDEWALK AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS WERE DONE. I HAVE REQUESTED THE IMPACT FROM THE PRIOR OWNERS.

THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT BEING PROPOSED IS SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER AND WILL HAVE MUCH MORE OF AN IMPACT ON BUSINESSES THAN THAT WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED.

From: Plymouth Furniture [<mailto:plyfur@roadrunner.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:31 AM

To: 'Sharon Penney - Plymouth Town Planner' <spenney@plymouth-nh.org>

Cc: plyfur@roadrunner.com; plyfurdave@roadrunner.com

Subject: RE: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

To: Consultant Tom Kavet – Counsel for the Public

~ Please confirm receiving email.

From: Plymouth Furniture Co Inc, 151 MAIN STREET, PLYMOUTH, NH 03264 (Established 1923)
c/o: James Lurie & David Lurie

Home furnishings business offering furniture, appliances, window treatments, floor coverings (with or without installation), interior decoration & design, as well as servicing of appliances we sell. [Delivery of new & removal of old for all goods sold.]

Number of employees 6 - 8

The proposed burial of transmission lines down the North/South - Main Street Corridor through Downtown Plymouth would be detrimental and disastrous to our business, as well as most of the businesses currently located here. We depend on the spring and summer, seasonal visitors & customers for their purchases of our goods and services to maintain their lake and mountain estates, especially given that it is school vacation season.

The effect of closing (evening narrowing or detouring) the Main Street Corridor and eliminating parking is an invitation to disaster. We experienced a similar impact and damage when the State of New Hampshire changed the traffic design, with the Round-About, on Main Street. Our customer count and sales dropped by 35%. (The proposed Transmission Line Burial Project will dwarf the Round-About Event by far, and is sure to impact us substantially more, due to the traffic avoidance impact and vacationer rebooking to other locations.)

Given the wide right-of-way and available space on either side, and up the middle, of the I-93 corridor, and its more direct path, it defies logic and understanding that the visionaries and decision-makers of this project didn't choose to bury their lines along this Stated-Owned & Operated corridor, which could also facilitate DOT revenues to the State of NH to assist with I-93 Infrastructural Maintenance in the North-Central part of the State. The overall impact on traffic and businesses in the Plymouth Area then would be negligible. Thus, the project would meet its desired objective to reach its energy market cost effectively and do it without SEVERELY IMPACTING the Town of Plymouth and its business merchants located on the HIGHLY TRAFFICKED Main Street corridor.

In conclusion, most small-town, village independent and small retail businesses (particularly on Main Streets of America) operate on the thinnest of margins to be able to compete and survive the conglomerate and big retail businesses of the cities and suburbia. Plymouth is no different. It is probable and most likely that our business and others tightly maintained here in Plymouth will not survive this insensitive and inconsiderate big business decision lobbied by big money political powers.

Respectfully and Passionately,
James Lurie and David Lurie

Plymouth Furniture Co Inc (Established 1923)
151 MAIN STREET

PLYMOUTH, NH 03264
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James Lurie - plyfur@roadrunner.com
David Lurie - plyfurdave@roadrunner.com

From: Roy Whitaker [<mailto:roy@roywhitaker.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:25 AM
To: spenney@plymouth-nh.org
Cc: Mark LaClair <mark@lgamedigroup.com>; Allan Guilbeault <allan@lgamedigroup.com>
Subject: Re: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

To: **Consultant Tom Kavet - Counsel for the Public**

From: Roy Whitaker, Owner of True Colors Print & Design
57 Main Street, Plymouth, NH
536-3600
roy@truecolorsprint.com

Our custom printing and design business has been long established on Main Street Plymouth. For 40+ years we've enjoyed our downtown location with seven (7) or more employees.

The Economic Impact Analysis adequately describes the challenges tourism related businesses will face. True Colors will be hit by the impact in a far greater way due to our dependency on the success of all businesses in the area. We will most certainly consider moving our business to another location if this project were to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration in our opposition to this project.

- Roy Whitaker

From: Deachman & Cowie, PA [<mailto:dcpa@roadrunner.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:48 AM
To: 'Sharon Penney' <spenney@plymouth-nh.org>
Subject: RE: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

Please see attached.

Thomas W. Cowie, Esquire
Deachman & Cowie, PA
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dcpa@roadrunner.com
603/536-2520 (tel.)
603/536-3748 (fax)

My name is Thomas W. Cowie and I am a partner at Deachman and Cowie, P.A. located at 66 Main Street in Plymouth, New Hampshire. My contact information is as follows:

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Deachman and Cowie, P.A.
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Deachman and Cowie, P.A. is a law office with two (2) full-time partners and two (2) full-time employees. Deachman and Cowie, P.A. has been at this location since about 1989.

Parking for owners and employees of the various businesses on the Plymouth Main Street is very limited at best. Having a situation where parking will potentially be eliminated for an extended period of time will impart a hardship on all of these people. Most of these people live out-of-town and need a convenient place to park with easy access to their work each day of the week. Also, the elimination of parking on the Plymouth Main Street will impact our clients as there is no other place to park that would not require them to walk long distances to get to our office to meet with us to discuss their needs. This potentially could impact our business by the loss of new clientele. Then, taking into consideration the noise, vibration from blasting and/or heavy machinery and dust from construction activities being constantly outside our building will likely be disruptive to our employees while at work and our clients while trying to meet with us to discuss their needs. The potential for loss of business is evident.

It is impossible to project how long this impact will be felt. If our clients have difficulty accessing our office or have to endure hardships to meet with us, they may go elsewhere. New clients are potentially not going to want to go through the hassle of getting to our office for a short-term issue. Clients are the heart of our business.

In summary, our business relies in large part upon our clients being able to park and come to our offices for consultations. Although the impact to our business is not measurable at this time, we can only anticipate that our clients will be impacted. We expect the impact to be greater given the summer timeframe that the Plymouth Main Street is expected to be affected. Moreover, there would not appear to be any potential for mitigation to remedy such an impact. This is unfortunate indeed.

From: Suzan Gannett [<mailto:smgannett@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 9:19 PM
To: Sharon Penney - Plymouth Town Planner <spenney@plymouth-nh.org>
Subject: Re: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

My name is Suzan Gannett and I am president of Artistic Roots: An Artisans' Cooperative. Artistic Roots is located on 73 Main Street in Plymouth, NH. Our business is a non-profit allowing over 30 artisans to sell their work. The gallery also offers classes to all ages in a variety of medium. The gallery is 14 years old. The disruption of traffic and parking in

downtown Plymouth during the height of tourist season would be extremely detrimental to our business and what we bring the the town of Plymouth.

Sent from my iPad

From: Joan Eversole [<mailto:sidecarpup@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:13 AM
To: spenney@plymouth-nh.org
Subject: Re: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Dr. Joan Eversole. I have had a dental practice on the corner of Main and Warren for nearly 30 years. I managed to survive the sidewalk construction in the 90's, but it caused a significant disruption of business, and losses for myself, and decreased wages for my employees. I would probably be on the verge of bankruptcy if this power line was placed down Main Street. People would have a very hard time, or possibly find it impossible, to access the office to be able to receive care. Additionally, the issues with the power and water created by such construction would also curtail our ability to provide care. My employees would suffer a serious loss of wages, as would I. I have 5 employees who will lose income, and possibly their health care. And what happens if the construction is delayed or there is a bigger problem than anticipated? Will the state provide compensation for those of us that lose our businesses? It just seems that there must be an alternative to destroying the fabric of our town by placing the lines down Main Street.

Joan Eversole, DMD
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From: J Sampson [<mailto:info@newenglandprintwear.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Sharon Penney - Plymouth Town Planner <spenney@plymouth-nh.org>
Subject: Re: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

To Tom Kavet- My name is Jeffrey Sampson, I own businesses at 117B Main Street Plymouth, NH. WE have an apparel store; Backroad Boutique and in imprinted apparel business; New England Printwear Company. We have operated in our current location for the last 7 years. We service the local business, non-profits, schools and organizations as well as seasonal visitors to our community.

As you travel through central and northern New Hampshire you will find main streets that look more like ghost towns than vibrant communities. Old mill towns that never found another reason for being. Towns where large employers packed up and moved away. Towns that fell victim to an interstate that bypassed their business hub. Plymouth is not one of those Main Streets.

I came to Plymouth, New Hampshire in 1975 as a college student. Over the last 40 years I have watched this town grow into a vibrant community with a beautiful main street. Together have put up a pretty good fight to remain relevant to the areas consumers. I have watched a state college grow into a respected University that brings great energy to our town.

Plymouth is the natural Hub of a wheel that spans 25+ miles in all directions. Smaller communities rely on all the town has to offer from the retail shops to Spear Hospital and even the Courthouse. All of the above allows companies like mine to call Plymouth home. We are not in a Mall, we are not a Big Box store and we are not E-tailers. We rely on the traffic flow on Main street and the reputation we have worked on for that last 7 years. Every year we have experienced growth.

Disrupting a community and the businesses we have all worked hard to establish for a significant period will be devastating. Some businesses will be forced to close; some will be forced to relocate. After 40 years of progress we are looking at sending Plymouth business community in the direction of so many New Hampshire towns. The impact of the Northern Pass project will have a lasting effect. It may be another 7 years before another small business like ours will be able claim they are successfully on Plymouth's Main Street.



From: Maryann Barnsley [<mailto:maryannbarnsley@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:10 PM
To: spenney@plymouth-nh.org
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

To: [Consultant Tom Kavet - Counsel for the Public](#)

I own a small ice cream business in downtown Plymouth, NH. During the summer months we employ approximately 10 people. Although we are a year round business, our busiest seasons are April - September, this is what helps carry us thru the winter months.

The impact of shutting down Main St for the construction of the Northern Pass Pipeline would be substantial to my, and surrounding business. Parking in the downtown area is

already at a premium, so any sort of detour or reduced parking would cause many customers to drive right past the downtown stores.

As I stated earlier, our busy spring and summers help us get thru the very unpredictable winter months. So any decrease in business during our prime seasons will continue to hurt us through the 'off' months.

We have worked very hard over the past 5 years to get the business to a stable place, and a very viable member of the community. We support many organizations, town events, and school and library initiatives. I am most certain that we will feel a direct negative impact, as well as the community efforts we support, and this may not be something that we will be able to recover from.

Regards,
Maryann Barnsley

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From: PLYMOUTHSKI & SPORTS [<mailto:masera@myfairpoint.net>]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 10:37 AM
To: Sharon Penney - Plymouth Town Planner <spenney@plymouth-nh.org>
Subject: Re: Urgent request to Main Street Business Community

Consultant Tom Kavet - Counsel for the Public

*RETAIL SHOP IN MAIN ST SPECIALTY SPORTS
OPENED IN 1995*

*PLAIN AND SIMPLY, THIS WILL PUT ME OUT OF BUSINESS.
I TOOK ME 10 YEARS TO RECOVER FROM THE MAIN ST UPDATE IN THE LATE '90
12 JOBS WILL BE LOST PLUS THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE REAL STATE*

ATTACHED LETTER TO SEC

*Thanks
Daniel Masera
PLYMOUTH SKI & SPORTS
97 MAIN ST
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE*

SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

DOCKET NO. 2015-06

Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC
and Public Service Company of New Hampshire

d/b/a Eversource Energy

For a certificate of Site and Facility

Dear Site Evaluation Committee:

I am writing this letter to inform the SEC of my opposition to the Northern Pass project and to explain the significant impact this project will have on my business due to aesthetic, construction and financial issues.

I am a retail sports shop owner in Plymouth. since 12.10.1995

A significant portion of my summertime business is based upon kayak, canoe and tubing trips down the Pemigewasset River. Customers prefer a route from Plymouth downriver to New Hampton rather than the northern route coming to Plymouth because of the volume of water that this river carries due the merger with the Baker river, and also the lack of development and the highly scenic experience on the southern route.

If Northern Pass towers and wider cuts within the right of way mar the natural appearance and views, definitely my rental business will suffer. Other recreational users will also experience the loss of a peaceful, natural experience along a scenic river.

My retail business is on the northern edge of the town common on Main St in Plymouth. I anticipate that the disruption during construction (if during the summer), should the Northern Pass project be approved, will disrupt my business in general and the rentals in particular, as I currently can store / display my boats in a high- traffic but easily monitored site. How will my customers enjoy the experience of machinery fouling the water with sand from the banks and disrupting the tranquility as towers go up?

The construction at any time of year would certainly directly disrupt customer traffic as it happened when the Main St Revitalization project took place in the summer of 1998 putting a number of stores out of business and others on the brink of collapse

It took 10 years for my store to financially recover.

I am concerned for the viability of my business with the current proposal of underground line along Main St. and overhead lines crisscrossing the Pemigewasset River from Ashland through New Hampton. A decrease in river aesthetics will have economic consequences for my business, and disruption in Plymouth will be a significant burden placed unfairly upon me and other businessmen like me. .

Sincerely
Daniel Masera
Plymouth Ski & Sports, Inc

From: Steve Rand [<mailto:rstevenrand@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 3:08 PM

To: Sharon Penney <spenney@plymouth-nh.org>; Steve Rand <rstevenrand@yahoo.com>

Subject: Economic Impact of Northern Pass on Rand's Hardware, Main Street, Plymouth NH

To: [Counsel for the Public and Consultant Tom Kavet](#),

I am **very concerned** about the impact of the Northern Pass project, should it be buried, as planned, down Main Street Plymouth. I am the third generation owner of Rand's Hardware, a 110-year-old business right on Main Street in the heart of the Town. We employ 18 people in our business and are the only hardware store in Plymouth. Our business includes Blue Seal feeds, a full service rental department, the area's only plumbing supply wholesale or retail outlet, service for our Stihl lawn and garden equipment and more usual hardware store items, all housed in three buildings, with at total square feet of about 20,000.

Main Street is the main artery of access to our business both for vehicles and for pedestrians. Anything that effects Main Street has an immediate impact on our business. We have worked hard to survive all the competitive forces that have been thrown our way over the years, including, in recent years, Walmart, big box home improvement stores, internet providers like Amazon and smaller regional competitors, like Aubuchon and Tractor Supply. So far, we have survived to continue our tradition of service to our strong customer base. Our ability to serve these customers depends upon their ability to access our business. We are strictly a bricks and mortar operation.

If a huge project to bury a high voltage power line were to impose itself on our Main Street, we could loose half of our business during the worst of it. I understand that the project could tie up Main Street for at least 6 weeks, and possibly 11 weeks. For calculation purposes, if it turns out to be 8 weeks, and we lost 1/2 of our business during this busiest time of our commercial year (April to July), we could expect to loose, based upon 2016 financials, $.5 \times \$430,000$ (2 month's) sales = \$215,000 lost sales, which would equate to about \$100,000 in lost gross profit. As I understand it, there is no compensation offered to us as part of the package.

I am sure of these magnitude of consequences because of a similar experience that our business had in the 90s, when the Town of Plymouth tore up the sidewalks and pavement on Main Street to install new curbing, paving, sidewalks and street lighting. The project took place over several months, and involved extensive excavation, rebuilding of all sorts of infrastructure both above and below ground, and a huge impact on customer flow. My guess is that it's financial impact was less than what Northern Pass will be, because the project could be done in stages, and did not affect every business for the full duration. Nevertheless, although Rand's survived, many of our neighbor-businesses did not. Main Street ended up with several vacancies, and the business "tide" was lowered for all. Despite the negative impact, the town center did end up as a more pleasant, better looking place, that was more conducive to customer

visits over the many years since. Unfortunately, I expect no such "end of the day" positives from the Eversource plan.

I ask, then, why a for-profit company, Eversource, with a foreign partner, Hydro Quebec, who is simply using NH as a conduit to transmit electricity to MA, CT and RI, with no payment to the State of NH, and none announced for the Town of Plymouth, with no invitation from me, should cost me \$100,000 in lost gross profit, without any consultation or compensation?

In addition, I ask what my customers, who rely on day to day access to our store for products, like Horse and Poultry feeds, nuts and bolts, and rental equipment that they use to conduct their businesses, and plumbing supplies to repair problems, will need to do to accommodate the profit motive of this big-business multi-national organization? How will they be compensated for **their** inconvenience? How far will they have to travel to find a replacement source? Once they have found a new source, will they ever return to my store as their continuing provider?

I am sure that the cost to my business will not occur only during the project period. Rand's has spent over 100 years earning the shopping habits of it's customers. For that habit to be interrupted over 2-4 months means that they may form new habits that could exclude Rand's as their main or preferred vendor. Additional hundreds of thousands of lost sales dollars could occur over the years.

This is pure madness, and I reject the idea that any justice would be served by this arrangement. For me, this is more than a financial risk. It is a threat to my lifestyle and the preferred lifestyles of the people of Plymouth and surrounding towns. We should be allowed to enjoy dealing with our challenges and small victories without having to deal with somebody else's need to make a profit.

As I read the research it is clear to me that there is no impending emergency or civilization-threatening need for the project as it is now proposed. The alternative siting of the buried line down I-93, as provided by the newly-designated energy corridor of the State of NH, is the only plan that enjoys the support of the Town of Plymouth, as voted by us. To bring the line down Main Street and Route 3 might be a temporary advantage to Eversource, but a huge pain to the public and a life-threatening menace to businesses like mine.

Thank you for all your efforts on our behalf to see that the real costs of this project are known and incorporated into the decision process of the SEC. I am available at any time for testimony or further information. As you can see, I am willing to open my financials in order to see that the understanding of impacts is substantiated.

Yours Sincerely,

Steve Rand
NH State Representative, Grafton Dist 8

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