



**Town of Canaan**  
*Office of the Selectmen*  
**PO Box 38**  
**Canaan, New Hampshire**  
**03741**

Phone: (603) 523-4501

FAX: (603)-523-4526

January 3, 2017

NH Site Evaluation Committee

Town of Pittsburg  
Steve Ellis, Chair, Board of Selectmen  
1526 Main Street  
Pittsburg, NH 03592

RE: Decision by SEC to authorize the use of Town road rights of way for use of utilities without permission of the Towns

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Canaan has read the Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by the Towns of Bethlehem, Bristol, Easton, Franconia, Northumberland, Plymouth, Sugar Hill and Whitefield and dated December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The Town concurs with the analysis submitted in the Petition and specifically rejects the concept that a state agency can arbitrarily usurp the specific authority of towns to manage utility usage of town road rights of way.

Please accept this letter in support of the Petition for Declaratory Ruling.

This position was adopted on December 27, 2016 at a duly warned meeting of the Canaan Board of Selectmen.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (603) 523-4501 ext 5. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Samson  
Canaan Town Administrator