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Re: “West Nashua Lateral” Pipeline

Dear Mr. Fore:

The Brookline Selectboard has been following reports of a possible lateral gas pipeline that may run from either Townsend, or Pepperell, Massachusetts into southern New Hampshire. We are aware that Kinder Morgan has identified a potential pipeline route that crosses land in New Hampshire owned by Beaver Brook Association.

The Selectboard was recently advised of Beaver Brook Association’s engineering study, which suggests two alternative pipeline routes that would bring the lateral pipeline through Brookline.

The Selectboard is unanimous in its position that the lateral not take either of the two routes through Brookline that Beaver Brook has identified. A July 7th meeting to solicit public input similarly found a unanimous sentiment against a pipeline along either of the suggested routes in Brookline.

The town’s position is based on the following:

- The suggested pipeline along Route 13 would:
 - Raise significant safety concerns given its predominant location along an existing state road where digging is a common occurrence; as well as its proximity to our two elementary schools and a large summer camp
 - Have an adverse environmental impact on or near multiple bodies of water and rivers or streams
 - Pass our recently completed Safety Complex that houses our police, ambulance, and emergency operations center; a nearby breach in the pipeline could severely impede our delivery of emergency services at a time when it is needed most

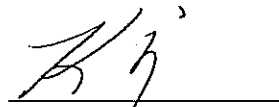
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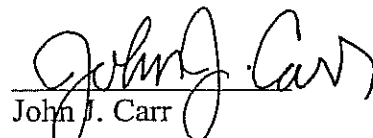
- Have an adverse impact on existing utility services given the need for relocation of existing lines and poles during construction and the potential disruption of such services in the event of a rupture when such services are needed most
- The second suggested pipeline location would:
 - Be largely located in an area known for extensive granite ledge; some private wells in the area are deep and water is scarce. Extensive blasting of the ledge for a pipeline would put these wells at significant risk
 - Impact approximately 100 parcels of land in Brookline alone
 - Raise safety concerns given its location along an existing state road (Route 130) where digging is a common occurrence
 - Have an adverse environmental impact given the rivers and streams it would cross and the adjacent conservation land it would alter

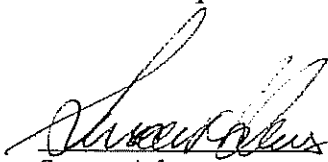
We believe that the issues noted above serve as important considerations for both the town and Kinder Morgan as the potential location of the lateral pipeline is studied further.

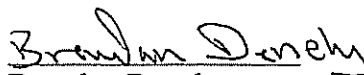
Sincerely,


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