

## Town of Carroll

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Could you please read this at your next Selectmen's meeting? Thank you.

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I am writing to share with you a quote from a Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) Meeting I attended in Concord. I feel it is critical that you, as a member of a town's ruling body, be aware of the following sentiment among the SEC (the body that grants the permits for all large energy projects in the State of NH). They have been undergoing a rule review and revision process and have sided with the energy industry on these rules far more than with the people.

These are the words of Commission Scott, a member of both the Public Utilities Commission and the SEC. "I will also offer the observation, and I know this may not be accepted by some, but I think we need to acknowledge that the Legislature, in creating this statute, really expected that this body would act as a statewide planning and zoning board and would have the authority to effectively preempt local planning and zoning ordinances, master plans, etcetera, to the extent that they may exist and might otherwise lead to a different outcome with respect to a particular project."

This quote may be found on the "SEC NH" website, under "Projects", then "2011-2021", "Rulemaking" and finally, "Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2015".

Unless a project is “essential, to keep the lights on”, it does not seem appropriate that every project given a permit should be allowed to preempt the rules that your town has created for itself and its residents.

**IF** this concerns you, you should write to your senator and representatives, but more importantly, Martin Honigberg of the SEC and Carol McGuire of JLCAR and most importantly, attend the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules meeting scheduled for OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM (check the JLCAR NH website for a more specific time). The meeting will be held in the Legislative Office Building in Concord, across State St. from the Capitol. Attendance is critical. This is the absolute last opportunity to level the playing field via rules for the public.

## YOU SHOULD HAVE CONTROL OVER YOUR TOWN'S FUTURE

and not be beholden to projects seeking private profit

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Thank you,

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