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Town of Arlington Board of Selectmen

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Mr. Daniel J. Dunn, Chair

Mr. Kevin F. Greeley, Vice Chair

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RE: Gas Installation Permits for [658-660 Summer Street](#) and 662-664 Summer Street

Dear Selectmen,

I am writing to you in hopes of obtaining an urgently needed permit for gas installation.

I am a local small developer, who lives in Arlington, that has all of my assets tied into the properties located at [658-660 Summer St](#) and 662-664 Summer St. I have permits in hand for a July 2018 installation which were submitted in September 2017. Through no fault of the Town of Arlington or mine, the unforeseen circumstances of the National Grid strike have forced an indeterminate delay. Permitting for all 4 units was approved in Summer 2017 and construction commenced in Fall 2017. The project is ready for completion pending gas installation. I am in communication with National Grid and as soon as they have approval from the Town of Arlington they are prepared to install the gas lines immediately.

This delay is jeopardizing the economic well-being of my family, my employees and my subcontractors. As you know, there is a November cutoff for gas line installations. If I fail to have gas lines installed before the cut off, I will have empty properties that I will have to carry throughout the winter. It was in our business plan to have these properties sold by the end of the year. As we know, homes without heat are subject to a number of issues during cold weather. This unanticipated delay will not only lead to untold damage, but will increase costs exponentially.

The financial burden of this delay for my family, my workers and subcontractors cannot be overstated. In addition to being a hardship for me personally, the Town of Arlington would be left with an unsightly vacant construction site across from the beautiful and popular McClennen Park.

It is for these reasons that I implore your consideration of this request. Please honor our existing permit and grant us permission to install gas lines as soon as possible. The November deadline is fast approaching.

Most sincerely,

Brian Callahan
President, Brian Callahan Companies