
Re: Docket #3880 – 307 Washington Street

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Dear ZBA --

I'm writing to ask you to **decline the zoning exception** for the Boston Gas Company, which they are requesting at 307 Washington Street for the purposes of building a new, unnecessary take station.

Since my kids were as young as 5, they would walk or bike through the forested land at the site, and my older one recently wrote about the area as part of his college application essay -- so I know that the impact of forested land on humans is very very real to us personally.

That aside -- it's a big mistake to build new gas infrastructure when gas usage is going down.

The gas company is going to charge ratepayers millions for stranded assets, potentially releasing more toxic chemicals into the air around the station, and the cost of irreversibly losing our open space isn't worth it.

Have other options even been considered, such as repairing the existing station? What would happen to that existing site if the new one gets built? It would be better to focus on fixing the big gas leaks around town...

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