
Docket #3880 – 307 Washington Street

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Dear Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals members,

I am a resident of Arlington and my children attend Stratton School. I was very upset to learn about the plan to remove forested land at 307 Washington Street in order for National Grid to build a new and bigger gas take station. I urge you to vote against National Grid's exemption application for the following reasons:

- The project does not align with Arlington's Net Zero Action Plan, and would expand gas infrastructure at a time when Arlington is working hard to reduce reliance on natural gas. Increasing gas capacity is neither necessary nor aligned with Arlington's climate commitments.
- Methane leaks are common at gas facilities, and methane cannot be “confined to the premises.” Therefore the risk to the community is high.
- The project would also require clearing a wooded area that Arlington residents regularly use and value. My children and their friends at Stratton use this area for play. We should be trying to preserve as much green space as possible.
- Arlington already has more than 185 active gas leaks. I believe the priority should be repairing major leaks, refurbishing the current take station, and investing in electrification—not building new gas infrastructure that will be costly for ratepayers and quickly become stranded assets.

For these reasons and more, I ask that you reject the exemption application. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
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