

## Please reject the proposed new natural gas take station

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Members of the ZBA,

My name is Gabe Knoll, and I am a town meeting member for precinct 8. I have heard from a number of constituents who have expressed dismay at the proposed plan for the new natural gas take station at 307 Washington St. It seems counter to the town's goals of reducing emissions and moving toward renewable energy sources. Many residents feel betrayed by the destruction of a wooded area in favor of expanding fossil fuel consumption. Others have expressed anger that funds would be put toward such a build out instead of fixing the (at least) 185 active leaks, which already emit significant amounts of one of the worst greenhouse gasses. A number of questions remain, including: how does this project align with the town's net-zero by 2050 plan; whether it would be possible to improve the existing facility rather than adding a new one; and whether this will increase the burden on rate-payers.

Given the breadth of concerns, and the goals of the town, please reject the requested variance and do not allow the planned natural gas expansion. I hope to be able to attend the board meeting tomorrow, but if I'm unable to, I hope that this message can speak for me.

Thank you,  
Gabe Knoll