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# The Town Of Newington New Hampshire

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Newington residents,

The Board of Selectmen need your help. As you may know, a second proposed Fixed-Base Operator, Million Air, would like to build new fuel and aircraft deicing tanks on Pease. **The proposed location of the site requires dredging and filling of wetlands that feed into the Haven Well which serves Newington. The proposed site location is directly over and abutting the Haven Well which serves Newington's residents with drinking water.** We are very concerned about this and have requested more information, through our representatives to the Pease Development Authority (PDA) Board of Directors, (Peg Lamson and Susan Parker). We have been unsuccessful in having our questions and concerns addressed.

We request your help by contacting our State Representatives and State Senator to urge the PDA to acknowledge and/or answer the following questions and research this matter further before they vote on the Million Air proposal.

1. **A public third-party peer review of the design of the project - not conducted by the designing engineer firm or the in-house staff.** The engineering company that prepared the design and proposal to the PDA is the company that almost always conducts the independent, 3<sup>rd</sup> party review for the PDA. **A public review of the project has not been conducted, and a peer review has not been conducted.**
2. **A thorough review of the available sites on Pease to determine if there is a less obtrusive option.** [Per the Pease Development Authority Website, there are other pieces of property that are available for development for the same purpose and quality as the one in question. I have not found public record where these plots of land were considered in contrast to the plot in question currently.] As quoted by the hydrogeologist (Danna Truslow) most familiar with this project in a meeting with the Board of Selectmen on May 24th, "this is a very intensive use of a very sensitive area."

4. **A Professional Wetland Engineer should be hired to publicly review the wetland buffer zone, wetland delineations, and regions of impact to solve our 2017 vs 2022 disagreement.** [The wetlands study conducted and accepted by the PDA in 2017 by Seacoast Helicopters shows a dramatically different wetland delineation than the study conducted in 2022 by the same engineering firm that designed and proposed this project. So far there has been no acknowledgement or confirmation that the PDA has hired anyone but a wetlands scientist to review the plans. Here is why this matters: The applicant (with wetlands notated at the 2022 boundaries) would be looking for permission to disturb (dredge and fill) roughly 3,000 square feet of protected grounds. If the wetland delineation from 2017 is used, the disturbance would be closer to 10,000 square feet of dredge and fill disturbance.] We are requesting that this wetland engineer review of the site is made public.
5. **A complete and public explanation of the benefit to our region and the public should be given.** [The charter of the PDA and its representatives is to "do public good" - The Newington Board of Selectmen have not understood yet how this project, as environmentally controversial as it is, provides the public a benefit besides private profit. ]

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Thank you for your help with this critical matter.

Newington Board of Selectmen