

Ken Latchaw, Selectman, Town of Newington, NH
representing the other Selectmen and the Town.

I am speaking against the Seacoast helicopter site review, building and north apron proposed location. We do not agree with the new location because...

1. It will adversely affect the residents and quality of life.
2. Moving the seacoast helicopter business thousands of feet closer to the town of Newington will increase the intensity of noise and adding to the existing noise pollution our town endures.
3. Our PDA representative requested a new noise study be conducted. Little attention was given to this request by saying "the cost was too much" and the amount of noise is not changing. This is not correct. As I previously stated moving the business thousands of feet closer to our residents will increase the noise intensity they have to tolerate daily. More attention has been given to the engineering site location and building than the concerns of Newington residents living immediately adjacent.
4. Our PDA representative asked that a noise barrier be constructed to deflect helicopter engine start up and rotator noise back into the PDA and not into the town of Newington. Again, little attention was given to this request.
5. As a Selectman for the town of Newington and representing the other Selectmen, I ask that you disapprove the relocation of the Seacoast Helicopter business to the proposed new location on the north apron. I will also call attention to the fact that Seacoast Helicopter has plans to expand the building, business and add more helicopters in the future. Also, they will not adhere to normal hours of operation. They stated, as an example, a night photography flight request would be honored which totally disregards the Newington residents.
6. If this change of location must occur, then there must be a sound barrier and a new environmental study. Hoyle and Tanner Associates identified dozens of concerns that certainly question the validity of the site review that was

conducted by Jones & Beach Engineering.

7. PDA has a complaint call in number. The number of complaints about Seacoast Helicopter is relatively low, but in my opinion, the reason is because when you attempt to place a complaint by phone, the automated message goes no-where. The automated phone service must be changed so people can register their concerns easily.
8. Has any consideration been given to locating the Seacoast Helicopter business at the PDA owned Sky Haven Airport in Rochester, NH? The airport is underutilized and located on a major road, 15 miles by car from Newington and 4-5 minutes airtime to the Seacoast and Lakes Regions. The tri-city area provides more than twice the population than the Portsmouth region (interestingly enough 84,000 people compared to 38,000 people)
9. In closing, the federal government has taken 54% of our town, polluted our water and created the highest noise pollution in New Hampshire which will further increase if you approve the north apron location. I implore you to consider the Town of Newington's residents before you approve a non-defense (airplane/helicopter) related business on the north apron.

As a representative of the town of Newington I appreciate your serious consideration of what I have spoken about.