

TOWN OF SEARSPORT

Historic Preservation Committee

Aaron Fethke
Chair, Board of Selectmen
Searsport, Maine 04974

J Bruce Probert
Chair, Planning Board
Searsport, Maine 04974

May 21, 2012

Dear Aaron and Bruce,

I am writing at the request of the Historic Preservation Committee to inform the Selectmen and Planning Board of concerns expressed by the committee regarding the application of DCP-Midstream to construct a LPG tank in Searsport. We realize there are both positive and negative aspects to the project and the committee's concern relates only to our mission ... "to preserve existing historical and archeological artifacts"....

The excerpt is taken from the full mission statement which was directed by the Comprehensive Plan and further described by the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Searsport regarding the Historic District. I refer you to C. Districts not described in Section IV; 3. Historic District in Land Use Ordinance, revised March 7, 2009, which refers to long term preservation of historical structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Our explicit concern is that more trucks traversing Route 1 to and from the proposed terminal will cause even more vibrations and reduce stability in buildings in the Historic District. Although to our knowledge there are no studies, it seems common knowledge that this would happen. People report dishes falling off shelves, windows rattling and other similar occurrences. We respectfully request that the Planning Board and Selectmen consider these detrimental effects to the Historic District in Searsport as you make decisions about the advisability of locating the LPG tank in the vicinity of Searsport. We believe the historical buildings help preserve the rich heritage of Searsport and as such require preservation themselves.

In appreciation for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Marie Underwood
Chair, Historic Preservation Committee
Town of Searsport