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Ms. Emily Heymann  
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Town of Williston  
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Williston, Vermont 05495

Re: Specific Plan Process, New England Chimney Supply

Dear Ms. Heymann:

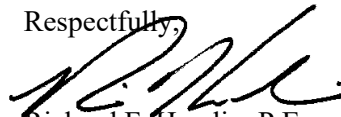
I am writing as a follow up to our discussion in February about restarting the Specific Plan process for the proposed New England Chimney Supply expansion. As we discussed previously, New England Chimney Supply (NECS) proposed to provide a sidewalk from their facility to the South Brownell Road intersection, bicycle lockers, a bus pull off and pad for a bus shelter that was to be provided by GMT. As you may recall, construction of the sidewalk connection to South Brownell Road became an issue with the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTTrans) as they did not want a sidewalk connecting to a signalized intersection at a location where there were no pedestrian accommodations. This issue contributed to the denial of the Specific Plan by the Planning Commission in 2021.

Seeking to add pedestrian accommodations at the signalized intersection to the original package of proposed improvements, NECS agreed to the concept of providing the effort required to apply for a grant or grants and to cover the cost of the Town's share to obtain those grants to design and construct the originally proposed improvements and the revisions to the signalized intersection required by VTTrans. This concept was rejected by the Town DPW and Town Manager.

NECS next sought to partner with another landowner who was also considering a Specific Plan application. The goal being to split the significant costs related to the intersection modifications. Unfortunately, this collaboration did not come to fruition.

In the meantime, NECS has opened another facility in another state to try and keep pace with the manufacturing demand for their products. Given these aforementioned turn of events, and NECS's need to further expand their Williston operations, NECS would like to schedule an informal conversation with the Planning Commission about restarting the Specific Plan process. NECS is considering offering the original improvements as well as the needed improvements to the existing signalized intersection and would like to gauge the Planning Commission's level of interest prior to moving ahead again with the Specific Plan process. We look forward to further discussions with the Town on this matter.

Respectfully,



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