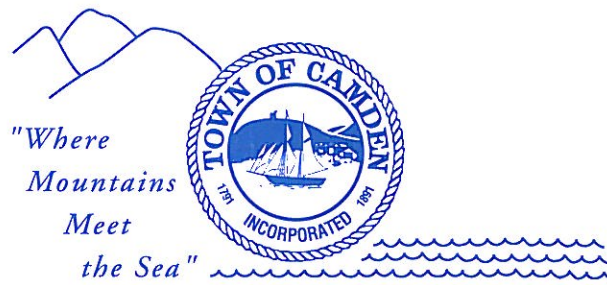


Office of:

Town Manager  
Tax Assessor  
Tax Collector  
Town Clerk  
Treasurer  
Code Officer  
Finance Director  
Harbor Clerk



Town Office

P.O. Box 1207  
29 Elm Street  
Camden, Maine 04843  
Phone (207)236-3353  
Fax (207)236-7956  
<http://www.camdenmaine.gov>

June 7, 2012

Searsport Planning Board  
Town of Searsport  
PO Box 499/ 1 Union St.  
Searsport, ME 04974

**RE: Proposed DCP Midstream LPG Tank and Terminal Project at Mack Point**

Dear Chair Probert and Members of the Planning Board:

At the Select Board meeting on June 5, the Board voted to send a letter to you to raise concerns and questions that we have regarding this proposed project. It is our understanding that the Planning Board will consider this proposed project on June 11. We request that you include this letter as part of your record and take our concerns and questions into consideration during your deliberations.

We want to be clear that the Camden Select Board respects the Town of Searsport's right to make decisions that affect your community. While we believe in local control and the authority of the Searsport Planning Board to make decisions for Searsport in accordance with your local land use and zoning ordinance, we also think that sometimes there are projects of such broad scope and complexity that they impact the entire region, and that should be taken into consideration. This is one such project.

As we have researched this issue, we have developed questions and concerns about this proposed project and how it could adversely impact Camden. These are questions that we can't answer but we hope that you, as the review authority, will seek answers and address them.

Some of the questions and concerns which we have and which we hope you will address during your review focus center on three major areas of impact: Safety, the environment, and the region's economy include: These include:

- What plans are in place for emergency response in case of an accident or other major disaster;

- The impacts the tank and terminal project could have on the region's tourism economy, since the natural environment is an important factor in drawing visitors to this region;
- The impact on schooners, day sailers, and other marine activity while the ships transporting the fuel are in transit;
- The impact of increased heavy truck traffic along the Route 1 corridor including safety on the road, and increased need for road maintenance.

We have also attached the list of regional concerns prepared by the Town of Islesboro which presents additional questions and concerns which we share.

Thank you for your consideration. We understand the task you have before you, we appreciate this opportunity to express our concerns, and have our interests included during your deliberations. If you have any questions, please contact me (236-3353 or [mcates@camdenmaine.gov](mailto:mcates@camdenmaine.gov)). On behalf of the Camden Select Board, we wish you all the best as you proceed through the review process

Sincerely,



Martin Cates  
Select Board Chair

cc: Camden Select Board  
James Gillway, Searsport Town Manager