

I am a resident in Casco and wanted to voice my concerns about the rezoning that is being requested by P&K.

It has been evident so far that many residents of Casco, if not the majority that have attended meetings are against the zoning expansion.

I understand the company wants stability and long-term security for their business. I respect that any business needs predictability. But this area isn't just open space. It includes rivers, lakes, a marsh and wildlife habitats that define our community. Once land is permanently owned, the potential for expansion increases exponentially, and any impacts this has we cannot easily undo.

We are a rural community defined by our rivers, lakes, wildlife and open space. Those are not replaceable assets. If expansion affects water quality, traffic, noise or habitat, we can't simply reverse that decision later.

If the real issue is stability, I would strongly encourage the town to explore extending the contract term instead of approving land rezoning. A longer contract provides predictability for the company while preserving the town's ability to protect it's land and water.

I appreciate your consideration.

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