

**TOWN OF RUTLAND
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Re: Rutland Railyard Improvement Project

Dear Sirs,

The Town of Rutland Select Board hereby gives official notice of our opposition to the Rutland Redevelopment Authority's proposal to connect Park & Forest Streets in the City of Rutland to Randbury Road located within the Town of Rutland.

Over the past ten years, no individual in a position of authority associated with the "Rutland Railyard Improvement Project" requested permission from the Town Select Board to connect Rutland City Street(s) into our Randbury Road.


The Rutland Town Select Board is in total opposition and will not support the Rutland Redevelopment Authority's proposal to connect Park & Forest to our Randbury Road.


On several occasions over the past 10 years officials with the Rutland Redevelopment Authority have shared their plan to connect Park & Forest to our Randbury Road with our Board and at no time did the Town Select Board indicate a desire to participate in the Rutland Redevelopment Authority's plan.

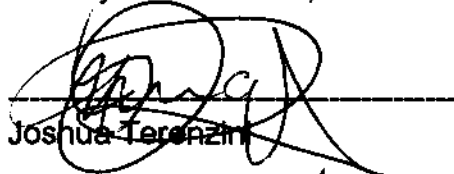
The Town Select Board is committed to providing Town businesses with expansion and redevelopment opportunities. To this end, the Board cannot increase the vehicle volume on Randbury Road by some 3,000 to 6,000 vehicles.

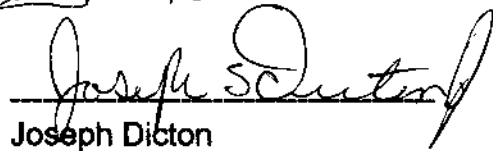
According to 2005 VTrans information the Annual Average Daily Traffic Volume for Park Street between Porter Place and the Rail Road tracks is 6,100 vehicles and the number of vehicles was 2,900 for the section of Forest Street just north of Plain Street.

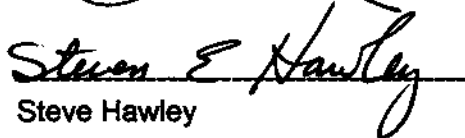
Given the fact that any development in the Town of Rutland greater than one acre in size requires an Act 250 permit, the likelihood of successfully meeting the burdens of Criterion #5 (Traffic) would be nil at best for any properties located on Randbury Road with the introduction of several thousand vehicle trips per day.


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