

Re: planning board letter**Public Hearing**

Tue 8/6/2019 11:09 AM

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From: randjackc@roadrunner.com <randjackc@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 10:08 AM**To:** Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>**Subject:** planning board letter

Dear Members of the Belfast Planning Board,

There has been a great deal of discussion and written viewpoints on the possible impact of Nordic Aquafarm in our community of Belfast. As a Belfast resident, it is difficult to know what information is misleading, inconclusive and perhaps ignored. As responsible citizens to our city and environment we need to know the facts regarding the impact of this project. I strongly encourage the members of this planning board to insist on a comprehensive environmental impact study performed by a group of unbiased experts completely independent from any special interest or influence. Unfortunately, Maine is not one of the 16 states that require this type of study prior to construction of an industry that may cause significant environmental changes.

As responsible members of the planning board, I urge you to request this independent study before granting permits and possibly allowing irreversible changes to our community.

I would also like to add that the concerns on the amount of water that NAF intends to use for its production are real. My husband, who has lived in the area all of his life, remembers when the poultry plants received the highest quality water during the work week and some Belfast residents had their water switched over to the Little River reservoir. It was a treat on weekends (when the plants were not operating) to have the "good" water. Residents, like my husband's family, would collect this water and store it in the refrigerator for drinking during the week. Unless we have an independent study on all possible impacts of this project, the city of Belfast may be doing a grave injustice to its citizens and environment.

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