

# ***Barrington Waterways Protection Committee, inc***

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Nottingham Springs, LLC  
214 Lakeview Ave.  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Re: USA Springs, **Inc.** Property

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to our attention that you may have an interest in the above mentioned property located on RT 4 in Nottingham, and Barrington NH. Because of your potential interest, you are being notified of the Rights Based and Local Self-Government Ordinance, which was passed at the March 8, 2016, at the Barrington Town Election. A copy of that ordinance is attached.

Nottingham passed their Water Rights and Local Self Government Ordinance at the March 15, 2008, Nottingham Town meeting.

The Barrington Rights Based Ordinance prohibits activities and projects that would violate the Community Bill of Rights for the people of Barrington, and which provides for enforcement of the bill of Rights against corporations engaged in those activities and projects.

This Ordinance may be enforced by both the Select Board of the Town or by Citizen enforcement.

The following are excerpts from the Ordinance which you may find of particular interest:

*We the People of Barrington, New Hampshire find that commercial resource extraction and toxic waste disposal are economically and environmentally unsustainable, in that they damage property values and the natural environment, place the health of residents at risk, threaten the quality and quantity of the natural water systems within the Town, while failing to provide real benefits to the people of this community.*

"Section 3. Statement of law. (a) It shall be unlawful within Barrington for any corporation or government to engage in resource extraction or toxic waste disposal

as defined by this Ordinance. (i) "Resource extraction includes, but is not limited to, the physical extraction of water, minerals, gravel, sand, or other mineral products.

The term "corporation", section 1 (a), for purposes of this law, includes any corporation, or other business entity, organized under the law of any state or any county.

(b) "Ecosystem" includes, but is not limited to, wetlands, streams, rivers, aquifers, and other water systems, as well as all naturally occurring habitats that sustain wildlife, people, flora and fauna, soil dwelling or aquatic organisms.

#### Section 6 – Enforcement – Corporate powers

(a) Corporations that violate this law, or that seek to violate this law, shall not be deemed to be "persons" to the extent that such treatment would interfere with the rights or prohibitions enumerated by this law, nor shall they possess any other legal rights, powers, privileges, immunities, or duties that would interfere with the rights or prohibitions enumerated by this law, including standing to challenge this law, the power to assert state or federal preemptive laws in an attempt to overturn this law, or the power to assert that the People of Barrington lack the authority to adopt this law.

As a result of this ordinance and the similar one passed in Nottingham, a water-bottling plant is no longer an accepted use in this location.

**We are asking for you to perform 'due diligence' to verify that this project is, in fact highly unlikely to receive all of the necessary approvals to begin operations as a water bottling plant.**

Sincerely,

Cilia Bannenberg for  
Barrington Waterways Protection Committee, inc