



Memo

To: Green Mountain Care Board
From: Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director of Economic Development
Date: 4/17/2017
Re: Green Mountain Surgery Center

This memo is the summary of the Public Comments I gave to the Green Mountain Care Board at their Public Hearing on April 13, 2017. Since I was the last person to give public comment and there was a significant amount of time limitations, I felt my presentation was somewhat rushed and feel compelled to restate them.

- Colchester is home to large and small medical and dentist practices, including UVM Medical Center's Fanny Allen Campus and Colchester Family Practice.
- These offices and practices provide patients with many convenient services from doctors' offices to rehabilitation facilities.
- These businesses employ hundreds of Vermonters with quality jobs. These jobs in-turn have a positive ripple effect on the region.
- The medical profession is an integral part of Colchester and the state's economic success.
- The proposed Green Mountain Surgery Center would be located conveniently at Exit 16 off I-89, which is an area of concentrated commercial activity, provides great access to communities and counties both north and south of Colchester, and is located only 30 miles from the Canadian border, expanding access to hundreds of patients outside this immediate area.
- Although I am not qualified to speak on the analysis you are charged with, my job is to grow the local business community and encourage investment in Colchester, the region, and the state, which is a high priority for our town.
- We believe the Green Mountain Surgery Center would bring in high quality jobs, have a positive impact on the region, and would be an asset and complement for the medical community. Therefore, we believe this is a good investment for the entire state of Vermont.

Thank you for allowing me to provide these to you again.