PLYMOUTH — In March of last year, the town gave Entergy a permit to construct a concrete pad to accommodate dry cask storage units at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station on Rocky Hill Road. No application for the permit was required.

Now, 18 Plymouth and Kingston residents are appealing that decision.

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Critics of Entergy and, specifically, Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, say they are not against dry cask storage, per se. What they want is an approval process that would help guarantee transparency in the manner in which dry-cask storage work is conducted at the plant.

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Conroy seemed to reference the possibility that the appellants could sue the town if the ZBA upholds the position that the work doesn't require a special permit. It is possible, however, that Entergy could sue the town if the ZBA were to rule in favor of EcoLaw's position that the storage construction require a special permit.

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