

Mr. Thomas Burack, Chairman
Site Evaluation Committee
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Dear Chairman Burack:

Our families are now starting their 3rd generation of living in Rumney both year round and seasonal. With dismay I read of the intent to install an array of two dozen, 25-story high wind tower structures in Groton. I feel this will disfigure the mountain ridge overlooking the surrounding communities. The even higher blades would signal their presence from miles away, reflecting the sun during the day and flashing lights at night.

Although eminent domain is not at issue, it is in my view a relevant comparative circumstance. I understand New Hampshire enacted legislation that essentially prohibits an enterprise to unfairly "take" property rights from others for primarily their own financial benefit unless it is judged to be for the "common good".

There is no doubt from reading the Groton wind farm financial proposal that the tower company and private land owners will benefit financially from this project. There is a "common good" in that the Groton community would also receive income for their participation.

In eminent domain parlance I suggest this project will "take" the natural scenic rights this mountain landscape provides and alters it in a manner that I think will be a permanent loss to the long term scenic expectations of the surrounding towns and especially the state.

Your committee and similar groups across the state such as zoning boards face the difficult and complex decisions that are essentially determining the long term future of "scenic New Hampshire," a term that has been used in visitor literature. This states' precious natural environment attracts many tourists, but importantly also sustains the New Hampshire residents that enjoy their unique and special White Mountain surroundings.

Other New Hampshire towns are now seeking the financial benefit from establishing wind farms and more will assuredly do so over time. I hope locations will be selected that are more suitable to avoid disrupting the landscape in a manner that I believe will be the case with Groton's proposed wind farm site.

Sincerely,


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