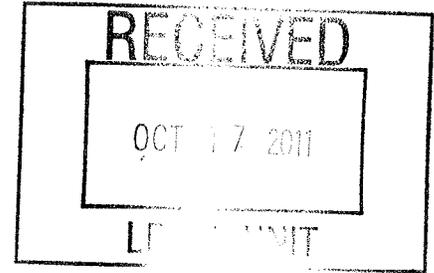


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October 3, 2011

Advisory Council On Historic Preservation
Attn: John Eddins
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 803
Old Post Office Building
Washington, DC 20004



Re: Groton Wind Project, Section 106 MOA

Dear Mr. Eddins,

We are writing to you regarding the decision by the Army Corp of Engineers for the deposit of \$100,000 into the **New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program** (LCHIP) to offset potential viewshed impacts to the historic Rumney Common area from the construction of the Groton Wind Towers. We have serious concerns of how this process was carried out and the decisions that were made. We feel the process was flawed for the following reasons:

1. Lack of appropriate notification of August 30, 2011 meeting.

Richard Roach arranged for an informational meeting on August 30th. This meeting was not posted in the local newspaper. It was only posted at a few locations around the community.

2. Refusal to change date of meeting.

Not only did the meeting date conflict with the Town Planning Board Meeting, it fell the day after Hurricane Irene damaged many roads and properties in town. When we asked that the meeting be rescheduled, we were told it was too late to change it.

3. Town requested an extension until September 20, 2011 for input.

At the informational meeting, we asked what the deadline was for public input. Mr. Roach replied "How about a week?". That date fell on September 6th, the day after the holiday weekend and giving people three business days to respond. We requested an extension until September 20th so that the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board would have the opportunity to discuss this important issue at their meetings. However, the MOA was signed on September 16, 2011. No town input was considered.

4. Three-year time frame outlined in MOA is unacceptable.

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) is an independent State authority that makes matching grants to NH communities and non-profits to conserve and preserve New Hampshire's most important, natural, cultural and historic resources. While we support LCHIP, in this case, it may not be the best resource for the deposit of the Groton Wind mitigation funds.

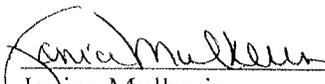
Funds must be applied for through the LCHIP process and must also be matched, in most cases up to 50% of the cost of the project. So, even if we have a project that is less than the deposited \$100,000; the town must provide funds. For us to do that, we would need to have a project in mind, have an article on our yearly warrant and bring it before the taxpayers at our annual Town Meeting. For us to raise sufficient funds, more than a three-year time frame would be needed.

We respectfully request that this process be revisited and the conditions of the MOA reconsidered with input from the Town of Rumney.

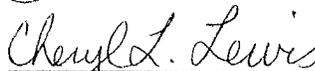
Sincerely,
Rumney Board of Selectmen



Mark H. Andrew, Chairman



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