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Dear Jane,

Francie Von Mertens has asked me to send a copy of the letter I sent to NH Audubon with a donation to help legal costs of their opposition to the proposed wind development in Antrim, NH. Please find it attached. You may post it as public comment.

The site I was referring to in the letter about the sound study is: <https://www.wind-watch.org/documents/cooperative-measurement-survey-and-analysis-of-low-frequency-and-infrasound-at-the-shirley-wind-farm/> .

In my state (Massachusetts) two interesting developments have occurred in the past several weeks in Falmouth, where there are enormous health issues resulting from the several wind turbines there.

One of the MA legislators is putting forth a bill to provide compensation for people affected by poor siting of wind turbines, and/ or to help cover costs of dismantling them. And secondly, the Falmouth Select Board is putting forth a warrant for the next town meeting, asking if the town wants the two town-owned turbines to be dismantled, etc ,etc. <http://windwisema.org/> (scroll down).

So much evidence is coming to the surface about wind turbines at this time regarding health, LFN and infrasound, real estate devaluation etc. , I think the only prudent action is to hold off on wind development until we really understand the many ramifications.

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Dear Francie,

Though I don't have money to spare, I am sending \$100 along, as Willard Pond is the last place I would want to see wind turbines. The first time I went to Willard at age 21, I felt I had found "home". I was planning to have my ashes sprinkled at Sandy Point when I die. I am reconsidering that now.

As someone who has been working for the past year and a half to educate about the reality of wind turbines, and create bylaws that ban them in my town, I don't believe that New England is a good place to site industrial wind turbines. Even if you can

get them far enough away from human habitation (the Lowell VT turbines are disturbing up to 6 miles away in some weather conditions), reports coming in indicate that many species of animals vacate areas where the turbines disrupt the quiet they need to avoid predators or find food. And in my state, Massachusetts, as I'm sure you know, health issues are creating huge problems and lawsuits in a number of places.

Have you seen the new acoustical study performed by 4 companies, both pro wind and anti wind, at the Shirley wind installation, proving that infrasound was found in homes as far as a mile and a third away? "The investigating firms are of the opinion that enough evidence and hypotheses have been given herein to classify LFN and infrasound as a serious issue, possibly affecting the future of the industry. It should be addressed beyond the present practice of showing that wind turbine levels are magnitudes below the threshold of hearing at low frequencies." (from an article "Cooperative Measurement Survey and Analysis of Low-Frequency and Infrasound at the Shirley Wind Farm" at National Wind Watch)..... I realize I am singing to the choir.

I guess I am hoping this project can be stalled until people can be educated and enough studies can come in that can't be written off to an anti wind agenda. We are in a period of much more awareness developing about the problems of the current design of these huge turbines.

I was glad to see that one of your legislators is calling for a moratorium on wind development in NH. I dearly hope this project does not get built.

Thank you for all your dedicated work.

Sincerely,

Jan Voorhis