



25 February 2013

Ms. Jane Murray, Secretary
Site Evaluation Committee
Department of Environmental Services
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To whom it may concern:

I have lived in New Ipswich for more than 30 years, hold Masters degrees in both City & Regional Planning as well as Architecture, and am the director of a non-profit regional Housing Trust whose target area includes both New Ipswich and Temple, as well as 11 other area towns.

I do not believe that there is any need for the State to assume jurisdiction in the consideration of the Timbertop wind project overlapping the Towns of New Ipswich and Temple. The critical concept of local control is challenged by such a move.

The New Ipswich Planning board worked especially hard, with the help of many experts in the field, to create a thoughtfully prepared and researched Wind Ordinance passed last year by the town voters, as part of our longstanding comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Having been present at one of the public hearings regarding this ordinance prior to its passage, I was very impressed by the thorough and professional ordinance that ended up being voted on and passed by the town.

The notion that this project requires your jurisdiction because it encompasses wind turbines in both New Ipswich and Temple is groundless. Both towns have Zoning ordinances in place and concurrently passed closely aligned wind project ordinances.

It would set a dangerous precedent to assume jurisdiction over local towns in such an important issue when both have clearly acted responsibly and knowledgeably and have approved Zoning ordinances in place.

Regards,


Alice Altman