



## Coos County Planning Board

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Commissioner Thomas S. Burack  
NH Site Evaluation Committee Docket No.2008  
29 Hazen Drive  
P.O. Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Dear Commissioner Burack:

The Coos County Planning Board voted in favor of the development of wind power by Granite Reliable Power, LLC at its meeting September 23, 2008 in Lancaster, NH.

The Coos County Planning Board has been following the steps taken by Granite Reliable Power, LLC in preparation of its application to build wind turbines in four Unincorporated Places, Odell, Dixville, Erving's Grant, and Millsfield. We made requests during the process when they applied for building permits for the meteorological towers necessary to measure wind at high elevations. Our Zoning Ordinance requires special attention to Wildlife and Birds as well as thin soils when there is construction at elevations over 2700 feet. The company has been very cooperative.

Our Master Plan favors wind power generation as well as wood burning generators. I mention the latter as we have received letters and comments about wood burning generators and we feel there needs to be a mix to help get away from imported oil and gas. We have the opportunity in areas remote from residential areas to test the generation of wind power and promote green energy.

The income from wind power generation should help the owners of large blocks of timber land continue to grow high quality timber without feeling pressure to develop their land. Again, our Master Plan addresses the need to maintain large blocks of timberland for timber growth, wildlife, and recreation. We have been assured that traditional recreation will continue to be permitted in forested areas by the land owners when the wind turbines are installed.

Thank you for the opportunity to address your group.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Sloat, Chair  
Coos County Planning Board