

TOWN OF DUMMER

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From Board of Selectmen

To: Site Evaluation Committee

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the town of Dummer, we wish to express our conditional approval of the wind energy project proposed by Granite Reliable Power, LLC. Clearly, the production of "clean" energy would be beneficial to all of us. However, as the town that will host a substantial portion of this facility, we have concerns that may not be shared by other communities. We ask the Committee's support for our concerns, in the form of conditions for the ultimate approval of the project.

We understand that this project will necessarily involve some disruption of the environment, and we can see that efforts have been made to minimize this disruption. However, we remain concerned about how the facilities, particularly the collection and switching stations, are going to be illuminated at night. We do not want excessive exterior lighting. In fact, we do not believe that these facilities need to be illuminated all night, every night, and we have suggested that the exterior lighting be controlled by motion detectors. We would appreciate the Committee's endorsement of this suggestion.

Several of our residents have expressed concern about access to various recreational areas via the Dummer Pond Road. These areas include the Dummer Ponds and an extensive network of snowmobile and ATV trails. While the proponents of the project have assured us that they have no intention of restricting access, we have heard this before. As a condition of approval, we want a guarantee that public access will not be restricted in the future. Furthermore, we want this guarantee to be binding on any future owners of the proposed facilities.


Finally, we have some concern about the fact that our Zoning Ordinance is being ignored, and the project will be allowed to proceed without applying for a building permit. While we understand that these special privileges have been granted by an authority higher than ourselves, we are concerned because we are being deprived of our normal means of assessing the value of the facilities for taxation purposes.

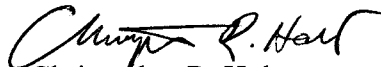
We can deal with the initial construction, and we are prepared to work toward amending our Zoning Ordinance so that it will not be necessary to obtain a variance for future improvements. However, we would like some assurance that the facilities' owners will be required to apply for building permits in the future. We need the ability to keep

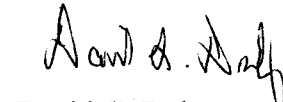
track of this property, so we can assess it and tax it in the same manner as we do with other property owners.

In summary, we ask the Committee to endorse our request for minimal exterior lighting and to impose conditions to insure that public access will not be restricted and that the property owners will be required to apply for building permits in the future. In addition, we request that these latter two conditions be made binding on any future owners of these facilities. Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,


Allen R. Wentworth
Selectman


Christopher R. Holt
Selectman


David G. Dubey
Selectman