

December 2, 2010

Department of Environmental Services
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Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Groton Wind LLC Proposed Wind Farm

To Whom It May Concern:

As a member of the Select Board of Groton, I find myself wearing two hats; one that I need to focus on the benefits of the Town and its people and one that I have to determine what I feel about an issue as an individual. As a member of the Board, the Wind Farm has great potential to assist the Town and its taxpayers. It is a project that could help the Town move forward significantly and alleviate some of the pressures on its taxpayers. It is a renewable energy source that the State and the Country need more of; there should be more initiatives like this taking place yearly.

Now from me personally, not as a member of the Select Board, but as a member of the Town of Groton who owns property on North Groton Road. I have lived in Groton for 17 years. I have been in New Hampshire all my life, born, raised and schooled in Plymouth, NH. I have chosen to raise my children in Groton and at this time, I also have plans of retiring some day in Groton. With the introduction of a potential Wind Farm in Groton, I have made no change to those plans. I am all for renewable energy, something that can give back and use what nature has provided us without doing excessive damage in return. As with anything, there are always pros and cons and for me the pros for this project far outweigh the cons.

I was reading through the numerous entries for this project at the Site Evaluation Committee's (SEC) site, where I read in another townspersons letter, "our options are dwindling". I wholeheartedly agree. I don't want a coal burning facility or a nuclear energy plant "on top of the hill" from me - isn't there enough bad news and repercussions from these places already without adding one more. Another letter mentions about the hydropower coming from Canada, but why do we stop at that. Isn't it necessary to have many options to help solve and improve our energy issues? Regardless of the amount of power this farm will generate, it is something more to put into the mix.

Unfortunately, views of the towers and the mountains are all in a person's perception and what one person feels is beautiful may not be another person's point of view. Some people enjoy the big city lights and buildings, while others enjoy the quiet countryside. In my opinion, I do not feel that they would ruin my mountain view, nor the quiet countryside. I actually think that they would be an addition to my mountain view as I can picture how pretty they could be, on an early evening with the sun shining; the slow turn of the blade as the shadows play.

I have also listened to my families opinions in this process. My children, age 9 and 14, believe that having a Wind Farm this close is "cool" and "neat". My husband, Jeramy, is fine either way and feels that there is nothing wrong with a Wind Farm. He doesn't think that they take from the mountain scenery, nor from the wildlife (my husband is an avid hunter, so believe me if he thought they would eliminate his pursuits, he would be the first to say so). He has visited Lempster, and stood beneath one, insisting that there is little to no noise. My mother, Barbara, who is also a resident of Groton, agrees that this renewable energy source is something good for the Town of Groton.

In conclusion, I know the SEC will review all the information provided and make a decision based not only on the opinions and fears of people, but on what is good overall for the community.

Thank you for taking this information into consideration.

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