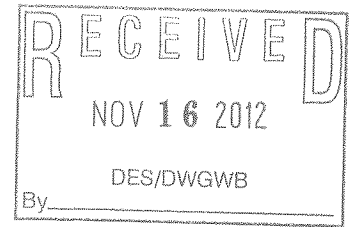


TOWN OF DEERING
PLANNING BOARD



November 9, 2012

Ms. Jane Murray, Secretary
Site Evaluation Committee
Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive, Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Antrim Wind Energy Proposal, Docket 2012-01

Dear Ms. Murray,

The Planning Board of the Town of Deering wishes to go on record with the following concerns regarding the Antrim Wind Energy Proposal.

The board is concerned that the many Deering residents who will likely be affected by this facility have not had a detailed presentation of the proposal. With the increased height and number of turbines, we request that Antrim Wind Energy be required to make a public presentation, with questions allowed, in Deering, to Deering residents.

The Town of Deering values its rural character as its most valuable resource, and has engaged in a costly and ongoing effort to preserve and enhance the value of real estate in Deering through its Master Plan. The preservation of Deering's rural character is the first and primary objective of the Master Plan and as a result, the Town enjoys a rural, recreational, residential community with an abundance of natural resources and vistas.

In order to determine whether, and to what extent, the visual and aural effects of these proposed windmills will reduce the value of properties in Deering (for which our Town will receive no tax benefit) we require maps of the areas and the homes affected. These maps should include the areas affected by the sight of the windmills, the noise generated by the blades, the intermittent flashing of sunlight and moonlight off and through the blades as well as the roadways that will be affected by the movement of the blades (flashing, shadows etc.).

The Town of Deering is also particularly concerned about the potential noise generated by the turbines and requests that this issue be addressed separately, in detail, with examples given for multiple scenarios such as atmospheric changes and high winds.

The Planning Board would request that you schedule an informational meeting for the residents of Deering.

If you have any questions, please contact Craig Olsen (Deering's Town Administrator) at 603-464-2746.

Respectively submitted,

Katherine Jenkins, chair
Deering Planning Board