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Town Jurisdiction and State Control

RE Timbertop Corporation vs. Town of Temple Local Wind Ordinance

The issue is a matter of NH towns being able to self govern and set up their own ordinances vs. an outside corporation requesting the State of NH to override the Town's authority and responsibility in this area.

Like any Article that is brought to Town Meeting the Ordinance was developed with the contributions of the Townspeople via several informative meetings that covered both the concerns and benefits of having the Timbertop project constructed in Temple and also the adjoining town of New Ipswich.

The ordinance was developed to both allow commercial wind energy systems to be developed in the town of Temple and to ensure that the quality of life, public safety and natural beauty of the area would not be destroyed. This was done by including the people of Temple in the process of researching and drafting the Town's LWES Ordinance.

It is unthinkable that a corporation can request that the State of NH override what the local government has established within the bounds of NH Law. It is even more unthinkable that the State of NH would overthrow the authority of Temple to define its own ordinances. It can be likened to having another State, or Country petition the Government in Washington to override the laws and regulation established by the State of NH.

This is a bad precedent to set, possibly leading to more interference between corporations who want access to our beautiful state and the people of NH, not just Temple and New Ipswich.

To this end, I as a resident of Temple NH ask that the State of NH respect and uphold our right to local regulation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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