

SEC 2015-2

Rebuttal Submission Testimony

By Wes Enman

Regarding testimony submitted by Michael Bartlett from the NH Audubon Society

Mr. Bartlett stated that in 2012 and 2016 cars from numerous states were observed in the parking area by resident caretakers. He also “questioned whether familiarity with the project would reduce the projects impact in the visitors eye or heart.” Mr. Bartlett also stated “constant movement of turbine blades would be distracting to visitors scanning for birds or simply enjoying natural surroundings.”

Q. Mr. Enman were you surprised to learn there was any staff at the Willard Pond site?

A. Yes. Only once in many visits over many years did I ever observe anyone who looked like they had any affiliation to NHAS. There was no way to tell as they had no ID. They may or may not have been affiliated.

Q. Are you aware of any NHAS statistics kept on the visitors reasons for choosing to visit Willard Pond?

A. No. There are no log books at the kiosks. NHAS stated they keep no records during the tech sessions.

Q. Are you aware of any information that might refute Mr. Bartletts testimony?

A. Yes. Because there was no data available, Mr. Ben Pratt and I conducted two informal surveys on different days to find out visitors actual opinions.

Q. What were your findings?

A. Of 26 individual visitors, only 3 would object to the visual aspect of the turbines.

Q. How did you collect your data?

A. We went to Willard Pond and struck up conversations with visitors. We asked how they discovered the pond? Where they came from? And if the blades or turbines would affect their enjoyment of their visit?

Q. Can you summarize the results?

A. Unless they were local, most found Willard on-line. They came to Willard because there are no power boats allowed. They came to paddle board, kayak, swim or hike. They had specific reasons for either allowing the facility or denying it. Most supporters had experience or knowledge with some sort of alternative energy. The opponents from my survey were from Temple and were close the proposed gas pipeline. They were against any type of development.

The supporters after explaining the visual impact ranged from “OK” to “definitely yes”.

Attached are exhibit A and B from Mr. Pratt and myself.

Informal Survey

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Jul 4th

Local

Hikes CTR or NH Addition?

How did you find Wines

BLADES or TURBINES AFFECT ENVIRONMENT

- 3 TEMPLE KYARKERS PIPELINE No Views No
Fancy - Daughter Baltimore OK
- 2 RHODE ISLAND HIKERS HARRISVILLE B+B Mountain
Hikes YES
- 2 KEENE HURRICANE RD KYARKERS PA ~~ADRESSES~~
GOOGLE 3 mile TOWN DEVIATED YES NOUGAR PUR
- 1 HAWCOCK-ANDRIM/NYC SWIMMER 60 YRS IMMIGRANT
YES PRISTINE? ONLY SIGNATURE ARE
OVER EUROPE
- 2 VT KYARKERS GOOGLE RECENT VISITS YES
VT P.V. LARGE ARRAYS LITTLE PUR NO BOATS
- 3 P-BOOD SWIMMERS YOUNG LOCAL NO PROBLEM
- 2 KEENE ANDRIM YES OVERHEARD CONVERSATION
PARNASSUS MTN PEAK
- 2 AUGUSTOWN PADDLE BOARD GOOGLE YES NO BOATS
- 1 CAMBRIDGE/HAWCOCK SCIENTIST PADDLE BOARD YES
w/ TODDLER
- 2 DEERING KYARK ENVIRONMENTAL YES LEWISTON

Diane Chauncey and I took our kayaks to Willard Pond on Monday, July 11th. I interviewed a number of people as follows:

1. Family from Massachusetts. The father was strongly in favor of the wind turbines – “We need more renewable energy”.
2. Individual (Young man) “Part of me wants to see more wind energy and part of me would rather see turbines somewhere else”.
3. Man from Maine. “Wind power only serves to enrich those who own and operate it”.
4. Young college graduate. Strongly in favor of the wind turbines. He plans to work in the wind-power industry.
5. Two young ladies. In favor of the wind turbines.
6. Individual (man) In favor of the wind turbines

When we were leaving, we saw Wes and his son who had been up to Goodhue Hill to look at the “patch cut”.
Sincerely, Ben