

April 21, 2010

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Dear Distinguished Members of the Select Board:

The energy committee continues to believe that the proposed wind turbine project is environmentally favorable and economically sound.

The Wellfleet Energy Committee is writing you to urge you to reconsider your vote on March 30, 2010, directing the Town Administrator to suspend further funding for the technical investigation phase of a potential wind turbine installation in the Wellfleet-By-The-Sea area of Wellfleet.

The technical feasibility of this project has been under investigation since 2004 using best engineering practices and following a reasoned and established protocol for a project of this scope.

To this date, the financial, regulatory, and human health and safety aspects have been vetted and found to be supportive of the feasibility of such a project. Remaining to be completed are an environmental assessment and additional examination of potential acoustic impacts beyond the requirements of the state standard.

We believe that there is great potential in utilizing Wellfleet's wind resource to benefit the Town financially and environmentally, and believe it would be prudent to complete the technical assessment and to examine the appropriateness of this proposal and future proposals on the basis of a well-validated factual foundation. Whether or not this actual proposed installation is ever constructed, completing the technical analysis will provide valuable information about environmental and health and safety issues as well as establishing the position of the Cape Cod National Seashore as it relates to possible future development.

It was the Energy Committee’s intention to use the upcoming Town Meeting vote on Article 23 (increasing the maximum Tip height limit for a municipal wind turbine) as a “straw poll” on the community’s continuing commitment to completing the technical analysis phase of this project. It is with that in mind that we urge you *not* to propose indefinite postponement of this article, but rather allow it to come to the floor and to be discussed and for a vote to be taken.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Wellfleet Energy Committee

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