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Dear Ms Beyer:

I have been ~~living in~~ paying taxes in Bryant Pond for 30+ yrs and have only VERY recently learned of the proposed wind farm in Milton. It will have a very significant affect on our community. and our quality of life. We need the time to learn more and understand how we might be affected. Please support the removal of Milton from the expedited permitting area.

Since I am now living here I am VERY distressed to think that I shall have to have sight and sound of windmills in my life 24/7 - (since I live within a mile of this proposed site)

Sincerely
Christine K Parker

Stacie R Beyer
M.L.U.C.
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Dear Ms Beyer:

I have been living in BRYANT POND for 20 YEARS and have only recently learned of the proposed wind farm in Milton. It will have a very significant affect on our community. and our quality of life. We need the time to learn more and understand how we might be affected. Please support the removal of Milton from the expedited permitting area.

I LIVE ON THE DIRT ROAD WHERE THIS PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE AND FEEL SAD THAT NONE OF US ON THIS ROAD NEW A THING ABOUT IT. AS TAX PAYERS AND LAND OWNERS THIS SEEMS VERY SHADY & UNDERHANDED TO NOT ALLOW US ANY INPUT.

MIKE + KAREN ROSENBERG

Stacie R Beyer
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106 Hogan Rd
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From: Malinda Seames
To: Beyer, Stacie R
Subject: Wind energy development
Date: Friday, July 22, 2016 10:21:25 PM

We live on Moody Mtn and have the most breath taking view from our home. It is very calm and quiet on the mountain . Wild life are free to roam as well as all the different species of birds. We are very much against the wind development . The breath taking view as we know it will be changed forever. The wild life will greatly be effective as well. The calm and quiet setting as we know it will disappear .We have lived and worked hard the last 20 years to make a beautiful home for ourselves. Please don't allow wind energy development to take it all away . Sincerely ,Alan and Malinda Seames

Sent from my iPad

From: William Burmeister
To: Beyer, Stacie R
Subject: Proposed Wind Turbines in Milton Township
Date: Sunday, July 31, 2016 10:51:08 AM

Dear Ms. Beyer:

Please! No more wind towers in western Maine!

This industry, being promoted by a few profit motivated entrepreneurs, does very little for the state of Maine. They have a negative effect of tourism (one of our major industries) and kill many, many migratory birds. The Audubon Society has reported very distressing information on this subject, with plummeting numbers of birds and bats due to collisions with turbine blades. So environmental destruction, plus noise pollution affecting the people who live nearby, results in an enormous price to pay for Maine citizens.

These wind farms require a high level of maintenance and when they become obsolete, as they eventually will, who will take them down to recover the beautiful mountain-scape we now enjoy?

Please help to protect our beautiful Maine environment!

Sincerely,

Cynthia and William Burmeister, Paris, Maine

Stacie Beyer
Land Use Planning Commission
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To: Stacie Beyer
From: Jane Chandler
Woodstock Conservation Commission

Woodstock Conservation Commission supports lifting the expedited process for the town of Milton Plantation.

The Woodstock Conservation Commission maintains hiking trails on Bucks Ledge and Lapham Ledge with expansion of trails planned for Moody Mountain. These trails look right over Route 232 into the Milton Township area. I am attaching photos to demonstrate how the scenic trails would be negatively affected with wind towers. Currently people enjoy hiking and looking at the ridge top without towers. The existing Spruce Mountain towers aren't visible from this trail network. But Chamberlain and Farwell Mountains are in the direct viewscape.

People climb mountains for several reasons. Some climb for exercise. Some climb for hunting opportunities. Some ski the trails in the winter to enjoy the outdoors. Most climb to see the beautiful nature around us. Most climb to appreciate beauty. Moody Mountain offers one of the few places with scenic mountaintops in all directions. I read the comments people say when they get to the top. "Money can't buy this view." "It is so wonderful up here." "I climb as often as I can to see this fantastic view."

As an economic base, people travel to those iconic places, spending money once they arrive.

As a member of the Woodstock Conservation Commission, I would like to have the expedited process for wind dev elopement lifted. Views are very important for our economic vitality, quality of life, and the enjoyment of the great outdoors, That is one reason so many people make Maine their home.

Jane Chandler, Vice Chairman
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Jane Chandler

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Chamberlain and Farwell Mountain from the Gore Road

Granite top and potential trails on Moody Mountain.

From:	O"Neil Christopher P.
To:	Beyer, Stacie R
Subject:	Comment for Milton Rulemaking
Date:	Wednesday, August 03, 2016 10:27:37 PM
Attachments:	FMM Comment on July 28 Memo.pdf

Dear Stacie -

Please accept the attached comment from Friends of Maine's Mountains.

Thank you.

Chris

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Stacie Beyer
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August 1, 2016

Dear Stacie:

Please accept this comment in reference to your July 28 correspondence regarding the Milton Township petition substantive review proceeding.

FMM writes to caution the Commission about the relevance of general materials in the record, and the relevance of specific materials that were included in your July 28 memo. While there is no shortage of information that "may be beneficial to the Commission" and might even be informative or interesting, FMM reminds the Commission to remain focused; Public Law 2015, Chapter 265 clearly lists the two criteria that must be tested and satisfied in this review.

Moving forward, FMM requests that Staff please maintain order by reminding the Commission -- and the parties -- that extraneous information will only serve to muddle the prescribed process and obscure the two simple questions that must be answered within that process.

To wit, FMM questions the inclusion of the Maine Audubon paper (Attachment 3) in your July 28 memo. Not only is the paper superfluous to the Commission's present charge, upon release it was roundly discredited by FMM as a dubious apologia for a major Audubon benefactor, a benefactor which happened to be the state's largest wind development company.

Applying such a relevance principle to the entire proceeding will eliminate a huge amount of the material that has already been submitted. Moreover, the resulting predictability via adherence to the process will lead us all to an expedited decision.

Yours truly,

Christopher P. O'Neil
Director of Public Affairs

From:	Mike Dunn
To:	Beyer, Stacie R
Subject:	Concerns about the proposed windmill project in Milton TWP
Date:	Thursday, August 04, 2016 1:38:52 PM
Attachments:	Milton TWN is indeed an unorganized territory.docx

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Stacie:

I am one of many in our small community that feel that Milton should not have qualified as a fast track expedited permit area. We believe we are being taken advantage of just because we don't have a government voice.

Thank you for listening

Michael L. Dunn
Milton Resident

From: Nadianichols
To: Stacie.R.Beyer@maine.gov.
Subject: Review of Petition to Remove Milton Township from Expedited area
Date: Saturday, August 06, 2016 7:51:10 PM

Dear Ms. Beyer,

Milton Township should be removed from the expedited permitting area for wind development. No industrial development as environmentally damaging and as harmful to residents as industrial wind should ever be fast tracked in the permitting process. Give the people of Milton the power to regulate their own futures and return their voice to them. Additionally, given the recent listing of the little brown bat as endangered, the close proximity of a bat hibernaculum should put this entire area off bounds to wind development.

Thank you.
Respectfully,
Penny Gray
270 River Road
Carthage Maine

From: O"Neil Christopher P.
To: Horn Olsen Samantha; Beyer, Stacie R
Subject: FYI - ISO-NE on Red Alert
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016 3:19:38 PM
Attachments: Screen Shot 2016-08-11 at 3.11.36 PM.png

A follow up to yesterday's grid information session at the MIlton hearing. The statutory wind goals are unrelated and unaffected by grid conditions such as transmission constraints because the wind goals are measured in *installed capacity* as opposed to generated electricity / delivered electricity.

The New England grid is on RED ALERT. Peak load isn't expected until after 5 pm and the spot price is at $1.40 per kWh. It has hit $2.69 today. (The ISO-NE average wholesale price year-to-date is under 3 cents per kWh).

Even the oil and coal plants have fired up.

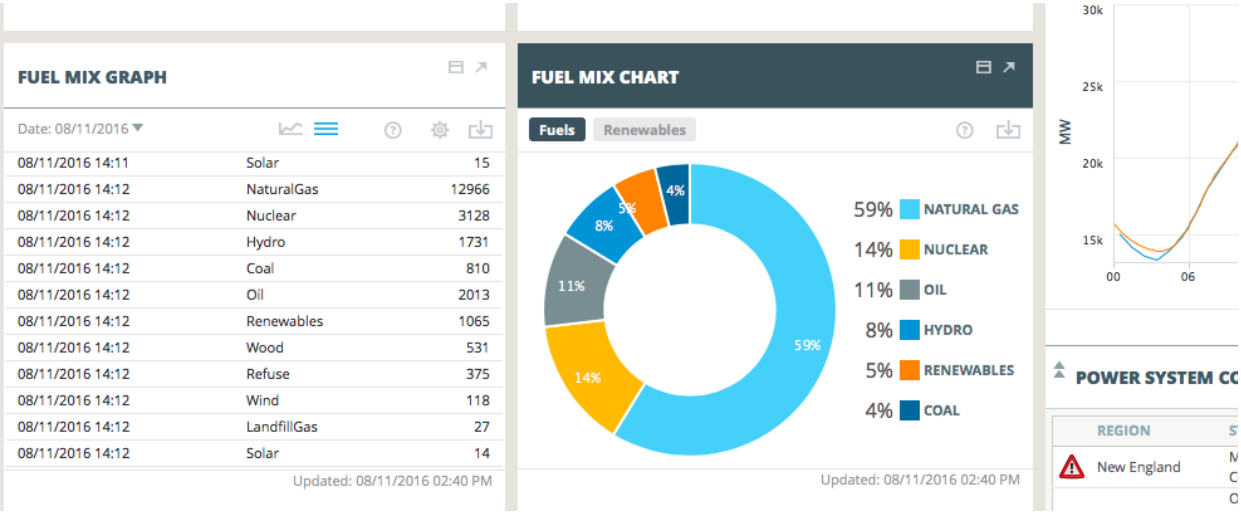
At 2:12 pm all New England wind (almost 1000 MW of installed capacity) was generating 118 MW.

The $4 billion worth of wind infrastructure (including T&D) we've bought is contributing less than 1 percent of the grid's power right now.

This real-time dashboard is informative, albeit not entirely relevant to the Milton rulemaking proceeding:

http://www.iso-ne.com/isoexpress/

The **POWER CAUTION** has been declared because available capacity resources are insufficient to meet anticipated demand plus operating reserve requirements, and ISO New England has implemented Operating Procedure No. 4 (OP 4), Action During A Capacity Deficiency. OP 4 allows system operators to take a variety of actions to meet expected peak demand and maximize system operating reserves.



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From: Scott and Carol Gould
To: Beyer, Stacie R
Subject: Milton township request to remove from expedited area
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016 9:06:26 AM

8/11/2016

To the Commissioners of Land use Planning, State of Maine,

I am writing today as I could not stay and speak at the public hearing in Bethel on 8/10/2016. The commission is being asked to decide on a petition from the residents of Milton Township asking to be removed from the expedited area for wind energy development. The criteria for the removal process is very straight forward.

3. Removal by petition with review. A person may, in writing, request substantive review of a petition for removal under subsection 1 by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission. Upon receipt of a timely filed request for substantive review, if the commission finds the requirements of subsection 1, paragraphs A and B are satisfied, the commission shall, by rule, remove a specified place in the unorganized and deorganized areas from the expedited permitting area if it finds the proposed removal:

A. Will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on the State's ability to meet the state goals for wind energy development in section 3404, subsection 2, paragraph C;

Types of factors the Commission may consider as part of the balancing it must undertake include, but are not limited to, the following: The suitability of the area for wind projects as far as it is known today, including the quality of

• the wind resource; the availability of transmission lines to transfer the generated electricity, or suitability for new transmission infrastructure; and other relevant information; The impact to local communities, particularly the public values associated with infrastructure,

• economic development, and community character; and The impact to public resources and, if applicable, public infrastructure. Evaluation of the

• potential impact to public resources could include, in part, identification, at a landscape level, of important natural, recreational, scenic, archaeological and historic resources in the area. Detailed assessments of specific resources would be appropriate during the DEP permit review.

B**. Is consistent with the principal values and the goals in the comprehensive land use plan adopted by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission pursuant to Title 12, section 685-C**

Goals of Particular Note:

I,A. LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT Goal: Guide the location of new development in order to protect and conserve forest, recreational, plant or animal habitat and other natural resources, to ensure the compatibility of land uses with one another and to allow for a reasonable range of development opportunities important to the people of Maine, including

property owners and residents of the unorganized and deorganized townships.

I,B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Goal: Encourage economic development that is connected to local economies, utilizes services and infrastructure efficiently, is compatible with natural resources and surrounding uses, particularly natural resource-based uses, and does not diminish the jurisdiction's principal values.

I,D. INFRASTRUCTURE Goal: Ensure that infrastructure improvements are well planned and do not have an adverse impact on the jurisdiction's principal values

II,A. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES Goal: Conserve and protect working farms, encourage the development of new farming enterprises, and conserve agricultural soil resources.

II,B. AIR AND CLIMATE RESOURCES Goal: Protect and enhance the quality of air and climate resources throughout the jurisdiction.

II,D. CULTURAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES Goal: Protect and enhance archaeological and historical resources of cultural significance.

II,E. ENERGY RESOURCES Goal: Provide for the environmentally sound and socially beneficial utilization of indigenous energy resources where there are not overriding public values that require protection.

II,F. FOREST RESOURCES Goal: Conserve, protect and enhance the forest resource in a way that preserves its important values, including timber and fiber production, ecological diversity, recreational opportunities, as well as the relatively undeveloped remote landscape that it creates.

II,G. GEOLOGIC RESOURCES Goal (pertaining to mountain resources): Conserve and protect the values of high-mountain areas from undue adverse impacts.

II,H. PLANT AND ANIMAL HABITAT RESOURCES Goal: Conserve and protect the aesthetic, ecological, recreational, scientific, cultural and economic values of wildlife, plant and fisheries resources.

II,I. RECREATIONAL RESOURCES Goal of important natural, recreational, scenic, archaeological and historic resources in the area

In regards to section A as it relates to community character and the impact to public resources and also to section regarding community character; and the impact to public resources and also as it relates to important natural, recreational, scenic, archaeological and historic resources in the area I submit the following. The area around the wind development proposal is in the western mountains of Maine. People travel here and relocate here because of the Character displayed by Bethel Maine, "Maine's Most Beautiful Mountain Village" and for the wonderful scenery provided by the Androscoggin River Valley and the areas tranquil ponds and lakes. The character of the area is built on beautiful mountain scenery that is in strong contrast to massive wind towers erected on those same mountain tops, thus destroying the scenic vistas.

I am an inn keeper in Bethel and own three waterfront vacation rentals properties, one in Hanover, and one on Concord Pond and on North Pond in Woodstock. The Western Lakes and Mountain area of Maine where we are located has a limited economic recourse base. There is the paper mill in Rumford, the logging industry and Tourism. I moved here because of the natural scenic resources and have built up a business based on those values. Tourism is a major industry in our area. My waterfront properties are full all summer long and in the winter also with skiers, snowmobilers and dog sledding participants. Our Bed & Breakfast, Bethel Hill Bed and Breakfast, is a small B&B catering to adventure seekers and tourist. Folks come here for golf, skiing, biking, hiking, fishing, weddings, fall foliage viewing, kayaking and canoeing, and many other activities. They come to see loons, eagles, deer and moose and to partake in the wilderness and scenic experience that is what the area is known for.

In regards to section A as it relates to economic development, Ever Power can say all they want about the positive economics for the area as they talk about tax revenue, jobs (that will all be out of state) and donations of thousands to the towns. They do not have any understanding of the negative impact the development would have on the tourism industry that is so vital to the economics of the surrounding areas. With the slow decline of the paper and logging industry we need the economic growth in the tourism industry to be a vital component to the overall plan. We need to conserve the natural resources that are important and one of the primary ones is beautiful scenic mountain views.

In regards to section A as it relates to protecting animal habitat, at the public hearing the chair speaker made a point of asking the lawyer for the petition if she considered wind to be a natural resource. She did a good job of answering that yes it was, but it needed to be balanced with the other natural resource wonders of the area. I would also have said that if we consider it as a resource then the goal is to protect it and not just use it for monetary gain. The wind is used by the birds in there migratory flights and without the lift from the wind many birds like the loons would not get off the water. We must also look at the at the protected bald eagle population that is very strong in the area. They are always seen soaring up and down the Androscoggin River valley. We see them daily out above Concord Pond and they nest on the island on North Pond. (there are 4 there now) These are all areas in close proximity to the proposed development. Then there is also the large issue surrounding the protected and endangered bats and the bat hibernacula located just a couple of miles away and the data showing bats killed in respect to wind towers documented at Spruce Mountain.

There just is no way in my mind to : Conserve and protect the aesthetic, ecological, recreational, scientific, cultural and economic values of wildlife, plant and fisheries resources and to protect the important natural, recreational, scenic, archaeological and historic resources in the area and at the same time have wind towers.

In regards to section B, economic development wind towers are definitely not compatible with the other naturals resources in the area. The area is noted for its beautiful mountain vistas which is not compatible with massive wind tower structures mounted on there tops. The development would diminish the jurisdiction’s principal values that the tourism industry here is based on. Those values being: beautiful scenery, serenity, being away from it all, (not a stop light from Bethel all the way to Rumford, South Paris or Gorham NH) back to nature, and just living a simple life

away from the encroachment of the modern world. Just ask people why they moved here. More and more are retiring here because of the lifestyle.

As a property owner on Big Concord Pond I can attest to the impact. We own the first cottage built on the pond and I used to be able to say in my ad that we had majestic southern mountain views. That has been removed and I now have a few pictures that just show a little of the wind mills. Like any thing new you eventually get used to there being there, but the reason we bought the cottage was because of its remoteness, great views and no electricity. That is all gone with the Spruce mountain project. The view and that natural resource is gone forever. If you are not up close like we are you have no concept of how massive the towers are. Also there is the noise issue. The developers can say all they want about noise decibels being at 42 or 45. Those levels do not begin to define the disturbance to the tranquility of our remote area and also of the area in general. It is not like your neighbor mowing his lawn and it is loud. That goes on for a while and it is over. When the props are spinning which is most of the time the sound is constant and does not go away. It is like there is a jet overhead but it stays right there. When the wind is just right it is so bad that I can not stay at our cottage.

I encourage you to look at all the negatives wind development in Milton would have to our values, scenic and natural resources and economic impact and to vote to remove Milton from the expedited wind development area.

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From:	Robert Kahn
To:	Beyer, Stacie R
Subject:	Windmills
Date:	Friday, August 12, 2016 6:16:20 PM

Please remove the Milton Township from the expedited permot list as building these windmills will be a disaster for longterm residents

From:	Robert Kahn
To:	Beyer, Stacie R
Subject:	travesty
Date:	Friday, August 12, 2016 6:19:46 PM

I am appalled that the is any thought of allowing windmill construction in the Milton Township area and hope and pray that this disaster can be prevented

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511 Farnum Road
Woodstock, Maine
August 10, 2016

Stacie R. Beyer
LUPC
106 Hogan Road
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Dear Ms. Beyer

I am writing to argue that the REMOVAL from the EXPIDITED PROCESS of EverPower's propsed wind project in Milton is consistent with the principal values and goals in the comprehensive land use plan adopted by LUPC.

I live on the Farnum Road in Woodstock, which is a short road at the end of the Milton Road. 10.5 acres of the land I live on is in Milton. My land is at the base of Chamberlain Mountain. My land and home are directly east of both Chamberlain and Bryant Mountains and well less than a mile of the proposed wind project. I live closer to the proposed project than the majority of Milton residents.

The constant and prevailing Westerly wind will undoubtedly channel unpreventable wind tower noise to my home. This is a great concern to my family's well-being and way of life.

Although LUPC is officially charged with regulating land use in unorganized townships, Milton does not exist in isolation. Woodtock, Bethel, and Rumford have contiguous borders with Milton. EverPower has designed their site plan along this common border.

As LUPC considers the values and goals of land use for Milton, LUPC should also consider how, in this case, what happens in Milton also happens in adjoining towns.

I request that LUPC remove Milton from the expedited process in regards to EverPower's proposed wind project in the interests of further regional impact study and more solid information from the petitioner.

Sincerely
Charlie Nielsen

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Dear Ms. Beyer,
I write to support the removal of EverPower's proposed wind farm in Milton Township from the Expitited Process.

My husband and I have a small organic vegetable farm on our 72- acre property. 10.5 of the acres are located in Milton Township, but our house and our legal residence are in Woodstock. The westerly side of our land is the base of Chamberlain Mountain. Siting a wind farm in a township such as Milton fails to take into consideration the effects on surrounding areas. From our house, the towers, depending on their actual height, may or may not be visible as the mountain is directly behind us, but they will be visible from our fields, orchard, and asparagus gardens.
With the prevailing westerly, northwesterly winds, we will surely hear the noise; yet, because we are not Milton voters, we have had no voice.

We are not alone. Citizens in the entire surrounding area: Bethel, Greenwood, Rumford, and Woodstock will be effected by the presence of the wind farm and its transmission and supply routes.

The Land Use Planning Commission, as I understand it, is empowered to uphold the goals and values of sound land use. As the primary stewards of Maine's land in its unorganized territories, it is the Commission's grave responsibility to preserve the land for Maine's future. That responsibility cannot focus just on one small, sparsely populated township. That township is not an island. It is connected, just as our land is connected, to the surrounding towns. Because so many and such a large rural area will be effected, the commission should use the full permitting process and time to learn all of the possible effects of EverPower's proposed wind farm. There must be time for scientific investigation of the effects of wind towers on scenic views, on wildlife, on human health, and on land values.

I respectfully request that the Commission remove the request of the EverPower wind project from the expedited process. Wind power may well have a place in Maine's energy future, but every effort must be made to insure that it is not implemented where it will cause harm.

Sincerely,

Lee Graham
511 Farnum Road
Woodstock, ME 04219
graham@sad44.org

August 10, 2016

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Dear Chairman:

I was at your meeting at the Bethel Inn at 1:00 p.m. until it broke up at the time of the evening meal.

I, Lillian Wilson, have been a resident at 48 Gore Road in the town of Bethel for more than 70 years. At my front door I can look directly to Bryant Mountain, and have enjoyed it as part of my immediate view and have also enjoyed the quietness. I have neither the money or desire to move to another location.

I have listened to endless promotions for the Wind Tower project. I have listened to the millions of dollars that it would cost in labor and goods. Never have I heard where those millions would come from. I also heard that it would benefit the state; actually to my knowledge it would put thousands of dollars in the pockets of the owners of said property, possibly in those just giving permission.

I do not know or identify any of the presiding group of men who listened to the individuals giving testimony of their preferences. I wonder if this decision is to be made by the owners and near neighbors involved, or if this is just to satisfy the need to listen, and then by the power invested in them make the decision for the best interests of those of the state, or the residents to be monetarily rewarded. I thought it was a clear majority of people that would desire a decision to deny any plans to construct any such Wind Towers as it would affect adversely their living in this disputed area.

I also know that in some instances eminent domain comes into play - regardless of individuals' rights. I sincerely hope that will not prove to be the case here. **I am extremely against this group invading our territory.**

Therefore, I fully support Milton Township being removed from the expedited wind siting process.

Sincerely yours,

Lillian Wilson

Lillian Wilson

From: rjh @megalink.net
To: Beyer, Stacie R
Subject: Wind Towers
Date: Monday, August 15, 2016 9:07:47 PM

Madam,
I am writing in support of keeping the Milton Twp. wind towers project in the expediated process. I believe the benefits outweigh the concerns I heard voiced at the hearing.I do think Ever Power will have to meet the same requirements in the expediated process as it would otherwise.
Thank You
Richard Halacy Resident

From: Fran Szostek
To: Beyer, Stacie R
Cc: KAS Szostek
Subject: Proposed Wind Project - Chamberlain & Bryant Mountains
Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 11:03:40 AM

Regarding: Proposed Wind Project on Chamberlain & Bryant Mountains

I came to my place on Billings Hill Road in North Woodstock nearly fifty years ago. Today it remains as dear to me as when I first saw it: tranquil with the rushing brook and the wild flowers that appear each spring. When we meet someone other than a property owner on the hill, we take down the license plate number. That's how rare it is.
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With solar panels, my wife is even able to do much of her work from there, if necessary--so it's a wonderful get-away. Refreshing, renewing. As the world speeds up, it's a break in the spinning. A place to be quiet. A place to soak in nature.

Although I support the concept of wind power, we realize that having a project so close will forever change our property and the surrounding area--and perhaps in ways that we're not able to fully know at this point. What makes it so very special will be lost.

We have concerns about the noise. Having a dishwasher on for a half hour is very different that having a constant noise. From research we've done, we understand that some folks experience sleep disruption and health effects from wind towers.

Of as much concern is the probability of increased traffic to the area. In particular, we are adamantly opposed to motor vehicles entering the driveway by our place that goes to Stan Dodge's land.

In this large state, I can't imagine that there are not locations for wind projects that would have less impact on those in the area. I am opposed to the proposed project for the reasons stated above. I ask you to support the residents of Milton by removing Milton from the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development.

Respectfully,

Fran X. Szostek

From: Alice Barnett
To: Beyer, Stacie R
Subject: Milton Township Expedited Wind Energy
Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 9:21:30 AM

Alice McKay Barnett 1068 Dickvale Road Peru, Maine 04290

Milton Township removal from the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development.
8/10/2016
Stacie R. Beyers
Chief Planner
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This letter is to further elaborate on my testimony to the LUPC board on 8/10/2016 in Bethel Maine.
I addressed the issue of:

(a) unreasonable adverse effect for the state to meet wind energy requirement goals.

The following towns opened their mountains for destruction in the following reports.

1. Carthage ME won the ownership of the contested Saddleback Ridge top = twelve more

https://www.google.com/search?q=saddleback+ridge+wind&biw=1088&bih=491&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwirtOPiib3OAhVM42MKHe1rClUQ_AUICCgD#imgrc=-yz432CDLFROJM%3A

2. Rumford ME voted to drop ordinance and go with DEP standards = multiple turbines

http://www.sunjournal.com/news/river-valley/2016/06/15/rumford-voters-repeal-wind-ordinance/1943703Wednesday,

June 15, 2016 at 1:35 pm
RUMFORD — Voters repealed the town's five-year-old wind development ordinance at the annual town meeting Tuesday, 571-452.
In its place, the town will adopt the state's model wind ordinance.
Outgoing Selectman Frank DiConzo requested the change.
Selectman Mark Belanger said the present ordinance is "so restrictive that no one would ever consider coming here with a wind energy project."
Town Manager John Madigan said that at the time the ordinance was discussed there weren't any wind farms around. "Now people are mostly used to them," he said.

Longfellow Wind Farm
The Longfellow Wind project, located on Black Mountain in Rumford and North and South Twin Mountains in Roxbury, is proposed to have as many as 26 turbines upon completion. AFA staff began mapping the ridge tops for turbine placement in 2007. In the summer of 2010 we began mapping areas for the proposed transmission line associated with this wind farm
http://albertfrick.com/wind-energy-projects

3. Roxbury ME will host more for sure.
http://www.sunjournal.com/news/river-valley/2014/10/28/wind-power-project-presented-roxbury-residents/1610154#

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 10:20 pm
ROXBURY — Selectmen and a few residents learned Tuesday evening that a wind power developer wants to put three turbines atop North Twin Mountain.
Bob Patton, the principal of Lower Falls Consulting in Falmouth, said the mountain has the potential for a small wind power site. He said a group will go before the Roxbury Planning Board to get a permit to erect a meteorological tower to assess wind resources atop the mountain.
He said the three turbines would be built on North Twin, which is on the south side of Route 120 off Horseshoe Valley Road and northeast of Black Mountain Ski Area in Rumford.
Another man with Patton, John Richardson, introduced himself as a lawyer with Moncure & Barnicle in Topsham. He was a gubernatorial candidate in 2010, commissioner of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development between 2007-2009, and served as a Maine legislator for Brunswick between 1998 through 2006.
Richardson is also a member of Native Power LLC, which is helping the Passamaquoddy Tribe build a wind farm in eastern Maine, he said.
Patton is Native Power's lead technical adviser and a former Northeast development manager for Boston-based wind developer First Wind.
Richardson described the wind turbine proposal as a low-impact project proposed by Horseshoe Valley LLC, a newly-forming group which has four principals, whom he didn't identify.
When asked, Richardson said Bob Linkletter, a Roxbury landowner and logger, owns the land on which the wind power project would be operating. He said they are trying to create a 3-acre wind project with turbines that would produce between 7.5 to 15 megawatts of energy.
Richardson and Patton said they wanted to introduce themselves to the community and let people know about their project. Both said it is in the very early stages of development.
Chairman John Sutton if they plan to also build turbines in Rumford and Mexico and Ricardson said no.

4. Dixfield ME can host twelve more. (moratorium dropped)

http://www.sunjournal.com/news/river-valley/0001/11/30/dixfield-board-votes-against-extending-moratorium-wind-projects/1973550

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 8:09 pm
DIXFIELD — The moratorium on wind power projects came to an end at Monday evening's selectmen meeting when the board voted 3-1 against extending it for another 180 days.
Town Manager Carlo Puiia said the moratorium expired at midnight Aug. 10.
Selectman Norman Mitchell voted in favor of extending the moratorium, while Selectmen Aaron Jamison and Eugene Skibitsky and Chairwoman Norine Clarke voted against it.

Selectman Hart Daley was not at the meeting, but Puiia read a letter from Daley in which he stated his support for the moratorium extension.
Puiia said Mitchell made a motion to extend the moratorium for another 180 days.
“As far as I see it, the original necessity for the moratorium still exists,” Mitchell said. “We still have the same flawed (wind) ordinance in effect. We need to consider the fact that people may not decide to go with the DEP rules in November. Then you've allowed the wind developers to file a permit with a flawed ordinance.
“That scenario should be considered,” Mitchell said. “The vote may not go the way you wish it will.”
Puiia said Tuesday morning that the moratorium existed to protect the town against a wind developer moving forward with a project while they worked on amending their wind ordinance, and also prevented the town from entering into negotiations with wind developers.
Townspeople in June voted 178-220 against approving the most recent version of the ordinance, which included the state standard for sound limits of 42 decibels at night and 55 decibels during the day.
The ordinance was written after Patriot Renewables of Quincy, Mass., approached town officials in October 2010 about constructing wind turbines on Colonel Holman Mountain ridge. It passed in November 2012, but its zoning restrictions were unenforceable.
In November 2014, an amended version was rejected. In June 2015, the Planning Board's original draft was also rejected.
Townspeople in November will decide whether they want to rescind the 2012 wind ordinance and adopt the state's governance of wind turbines.
“After last night's vote, (Patriot Renewables Project Coordinator) Tom Carroll was asked point-blank if his company was still interested in a wind project in Dixfield, and he said yes,” Puiia said Tuesday. “They have a wind project in Canton in the construction phase, so he said they were still interested.”
Puiia said he believes Patriot Renewables will “wait and see” whether residents vote in November to repeal their 2012 ordinance and go with the state's governance of wind turbines.
“If the town decides to go with the DEP's regulations, (Patriot Renewables) will be poised to approach the town about moving forward,” Puiia said.

5. Canton ME broke ground this summer....eight more?

https://www.facebook.com/Canton-Mountain-Wind-Project-166139250099897/about/?entry_point=page_nav_about_item&tab=page_infoLocated

In Canton, Maine, the Canton Mountain Wind Project is proposed to have 8 turbines, with a total project capacity of 22 megawatts. (22 MW is over the community wind capacity (10 MW) therefore one assumes there will be more than 8 turbines)

I presume the Mill Valleys of Rumford and Dixfield area will host
enough Big Wind Turbines to more than offset any "unreasonable adverse effect" Milton Township's Bryant's Mountain Project could provide .

Expiditation for Wind Energy Projects in Milton Township is not necessary.

Alice McKay Barnett 1068 Dickvale Road Peru, Maine 04290

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Stacie Beyer
Land Use Planning Commission
106 Hogan Road
Suite 8
Bangor ME 04401

Dear Ms. Beyer and members of the Commission,

First I apologize that this is handwritten as I do not currently have computer access but I hope you will includ this with the other letters on the website concerning the proposed wind project in Milton Township.

I attended your public hearing on August 10th in Bethel concerning this project. I spoke but due to the time limitation was unable to complete my remarks. Therefor, I would like to add a couple of comments specifically addressing the two points you wanted addressed in your Notice of Proposal.

"A" (that removing Milton from the expediated permitting)" will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on the State's ability to meet State goals for wind energy development..."

Such removal would absolutely and unquestionably have an adverse effect on the State's goals.

As I'm sure the Commission is aware, Maine is not only substantially behind in meeting it's own goals but also well behind most other Northeastern states in this regard. We can not continue to make decissions which set the State even further behind its goals to benefit all of the States citizens and economy.

"B", "Is consistent with the principal values and goals in the comprehensive land use plan adopted..." by the Commission.

The 100 acres owned by my family which would be part of the proposed project is fairly inaccessable back woodland currently used by our family, neighbors and the public for hiking, hunting, four wheeling and skiing. None of this would change with the addition of one to three wind turbines. In fact this project is the safest why I can think of to enable us to preserve this open land for the benefit of future generations. I entered into this project precisely for my childern and grandchilderns benefit to continue enjoying the property. The proposed lease is for 25 years with an enforcable provision that at the end of the lease the developers would restore the land to its current natural state.

My family and I sincerely hope that the

Commission will see fit NOT to remove Milton from the expedited permitting.

Sincerely and Hopefully,

E. Stanley Dodge, manager
April F. Choi, member
Graham C. Dodge, member
Trey Dodge, member
Emily S. Dodge, member

Chamberlain Mountain, LLC.

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To: Stacie R. Beyer
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106 Hogan Rd., Suite 8
Bangor, Maine 04401
From: Diane A. Dupuis
61 Rumford Ave.
Bryant Pond, Maine 04219
207 491-1573

August 15, 2016

Re: the proposed wind mills for Milton

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to express my concern for the windmills' proposal in the Milton area. I am writing to make a request for your consideration **to stop an expedited plan** for their approval. If you are adhering to "removal is consistent with the principal values and the goals in the comprehensive land use plan adopted by the Maine Land Use Panning Commission pursuant to Title 12, section 685-C", then the people affected in the range of these windmills should be given due process and consideration. The interests and "support" by people receiving money from the installation are NOT the representatives of neighbors, neighborhoods, villages and towns that will be deeply affected.

The State's goals can be met despite a temporary delay by forfeiting the expedited process and allowing everyone's voice to be heard. "Acting in haste and repenting in leisure" should be the governing advice in this case. What does the State of Maine have to lose by allowing its citizens due process for review?

Please consider my point of view and drop the expedited process for this review process.

Respectfully, Diane A. Dupuis cc:on file

Diane A. Dupuis

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My name is Francoise Fetchko I live on Billings Hill Rd in Woodstock, Maine. Together with my husband Peter we have lived here permanently since the year 2000. It was then we installed an off the grid solar system.

Recently we received the Fidelity Monitor Insight newsletter for August 2016. The newsletter is recognized as the best performing Fidelity investment guide available. It's lead article reads "Sunny skies for solar, Dark clouds for utilities". It also stated that ...."20 years from now, most electricity will be produced where it is consumed, at far less cost than today". I fully realize that they are not speaking about our particular configuration of off the grid solar, however, there is an important point made here that should be considered when contemplating Ever power's proposed Milton wind farm project. Ever power is projecting the construction start date in 2019, just within the window before subsidies are scheduled to be reduced. After that date the economics of wind become more problematic. Furthermore Ever power's start date is already three years into the 20 years projection of when energy sources will be produced and consumed locally. It appears that energy production and distribution are at the cusping edge of an new paradigm.

It there were not so many negatives reasons already identified, such as community character, negative impacts to important recreational views, the great number of opposing individuals etc etc. Perhaps one would risk building a system projected to be obsolete before it is even started. For all these reasons we should be cautious and support the overwhelming number of people of Milton who requested that they be removed from the expedited wind development process. Thank you for the consideration of these views.

Francoise Fetchko
8/13/2016

From: grfraser @megalink.net
To: Beyer, Stacie R
Subject: Milton Twp
Date: Thursday, August 18, 2016 7:05:05 PM

To the Commission,

After attending the evening session of the hearing I have concerns about the Milton expedited process and this process in any area of Maine.

I do not believe removing Milton from the expedited process would have an adverse unreasonable adverse affect on the State's ability to meet the State's goals. There are two proposed wind farms in nearby towns. One is in Canton and the other Dixfield. Plus, those that are already in operation. This area is very public with several towns being adversely affected. These projects should be looking at less populated areas. The scenic views will be destroyed. The State promotes tourism and this does not mean looking at wind turbines on every mountain0 .I feel this expedited process hijacks due process. Is this the way life should be? Wind towers on every mountain from out of state developers? Where are the water turbines proposed? Aren't those to be part of the State's goals?

The economic benefits are temporary. The tourism benefits forever if our mountains remain pure and scenic W ho would actually benefit? The county. The state. And, only those landowners who will be renting their land to Ever Power. And,most of them do not even live in the area. One land owner who spoke for personal gain reasons owns about 475 acres. If not having wind turbines on that would be adverse to him and his family, perhaps he should consider selling that land since he actually lives in Athens. There are no schools in Milton, no libraries. hotels, stores, restaurants. People buy land to live in Milton because of its remoteness - the quiet of the area. There would be impacts on the natural character of the area with the turbines and the transmission lines.

Will fossil fuels be used for maintenance and to operate the turbines? Will the turbines be made in the U.S.?

IF&W has concerns for the bats, the list of 14 endangered and threatened and special concern species present in Milton. There is one of three bat habitats in the proposed area. Bats are endangered and their lungs are very sensitive to air pressure changes. Bats suffer a higher death rate than birds in the neighborhood of wind turbines. Their lungs are more liable to rupture.

IF&W also notes documented sightings of Golden Eagles in Milton - a very rare bird in Maine. There are deer wintering areas, waterfowl habitats, vernal pools, hiking trails and more.

People's land values will be adversely affected. The slide show that was shown at the hearing shows the area to be very scenic and what an adverse affect there will be. Everyone should be able to have simulation pictures of how the surrounding areas would be affected with the turbines. The expedited process will not provide this very important information.

I urge you to remove Milton Township from the expedited process. And, all townships from this process. Everyone is entitled to know what is going on in their back yard and how they will be affected. With the testimony on how adversely affected people will be, how the scenic views will be affected, wildlife, bats, fowl, the expedited process should be eliminated.

Thank you for your consideration,
Rose Fraser
Woodstock

Jackson, Ellen

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Summary of Ed Rosenberg's slide presentation to LUPC

To assist the LUPC staff and Commissioners I am providing the following summary of the 33-slide presentation I made at the LUPC hearing on August 10th, 2016. This presentation was in support of criteria B that the removal of Milton TWP is consistent with the principal values and the goals in the comprehensive land use plan adopted by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission pursuant to Title 12, section 685-C. The four principle LUPC values are shown in bold type below.

If Milton Township is not removed from the expedited wind power development areas then none of the views that were highlighted, which would be majorly impacted would ever be considered, because they do not have the designation of being nationally significant. However, regionally and locally they are very significant and to those who live in the immediate area it would have life changing significance.

Natural character

Our communities are intertwined along Rt 232, in less than 3 miles going from Woodstock to Bethel, to Milton TWP and then to Rumford, yet you would not know that you were in different towns, because the rural character and topography does not change.

Slides #2,3,6,7&8 are images used in the Woodstock Open Space plan accepted by the selectmen in 2012 to describe the *rural character and sense of place* that the residents of Woodstock wanted to preserve for the future. Slide #4 is an image of all the elements the Woodstock Elementary School 5th grade class enjoyed about Woodstock that they do not want to see changed, that someday their children could enjoy, such as clean lakes for swimming, fishing and Loons, mountains that rise up from the lakes to snowmobile, ski, snowshoe and forests for hunting with their Dads & uncles. Their desire was that *the mountaintops and ridgelines would always look the same* and not have houses and towers on them. Landforms least tolerant to change due to development are very steep and heavily treed (CLUP p.273) such as Chamberlin Mt. (2081') as depicted in slide 23.

The economic value of the jurisdiction derived from working forests and farmlands

Slide #8 shows Chamberlain Mt. to Lapham Ledge as an example of the largest open space area for protection of habitat that we identified during the open space planning process using the "Beginning with Habitat" program. There are conservation easements on the top of Chamberlain Mt. in Milton TWP to protect open space and to act as a buffer for the bat hibernaculum, slide #9, from the Spruce Mt. wind towers. This is one of only three known bat hibernaculum in Maine. It is located only 2.5 miles from the Bryant Mt. wind project in Milton TWP. In 2014 there were no bats. In 2015 there were only 10 bats. The Spruce Mt. wind project is 3.5 miles away from the hibernaculum reported 2 bat kills. The survival of bats in this rare hibernaculum is critical.

The CULP on page 241 speaks of Fragmentation of Habitat. Scientists have identified fragmentation of habitat as a serious concern. That is why Woodstock set up voluntary strategies for protecting open space with private landowners in this area. Before the Spruce Mt. wind project was developed this area was the largest open space south of Rt. 2 in ME.

Diverse and abundant recreational opportunities,

Slide #11 from the Sept 2006 issue of Down East magazine foliage issue highlights five foliage routes in Western Maine. This iconic view of North Pond has appeared in LL. Bean catalogs and is often used to promote recreation and tourism in Western Maine. The image was taken from a dock in Greenwood, with the shoreline views in Woodstock, but the mountain views at the other end of the lake are from Bryant Mt. to Chamberlin Mt. in Milton TWP where the proposed wind power development would be sited. This view on Rt 26 is the main corridor for visitors coming from the White Mountains into Maine and for recreationists and tourists going to the White Mountains and Sunday River ski area. Sunday River has over 300,000 skier visits per winter.

Slide #12 is a view of paddlers on the upper north end of North Pond with the same view of the Bryant Mt. to Chamberlain Mt. ridgeline just 3.5 miles away, contrary to EverPower's consultant statement that recreation opportunities were 20 miles away. Wind towers would have a significant adverse impact on this recreational resource and the other two interconnected ponds, Round Pond and South Pond, as well as Lake Christopher, Big Concord Pond (slide 14) and Little Concord Pond State Park in Woodstock. Slide #13 is an image of Chamberlain Mt. from the Greenwood public beach. Slide #15 is an image of the highly popular Androscoggin River (waterway) Trail, which comes to within 2 miles of Bryant Mt.

Slides #19 & 20 are images from the University of Maine 4H Conservation Camp & Learning Center at Bryant Pond on Lake Christopher and the Woodstock public beach looking at Chamberlain Mt. This well established 60 year old outdoor environmental learning center is a cultural icon and the premier wilderness training camp in Maine as evidenced by being named the best wilderness training camp in the state by Down East Magazine July 2013. They train more than 1,000 youth from Maine, across the country and internationally each year in wilderness survival, water & shooting safety in naturalist, primitive, leadership and Junior Warden programs, using Lake Christopher as their base camp and classrooms, also home to Telstar Freshman Academy, an outdoor education based curriculum. They use trails on Christopher Mt., Lapham Ledge, and Buck's Ledge, paddling and fishing on Lake Christopher, North Pond and the Androscoggin River. All of these areas are outdoor classrooms.

Diverse, abundant and unique high-value natural resources and features,

The scenic beauty of Maine lakes and rivers is invaluable to the quality of life and economy of this state. (CULP p. 272) In addition to the six lakes and one river already identified above there are numerous high mountains 2 to 5 miles away, used for Skiing (Mt. Abram slide #18) as well as hiking. There are well maintained and highly used trails on Buck's Ledge & Lapham Ledge (slides 7,8 &10), Mt. Zircon (slide 17) Bald & Speckled Mt. (Slide #16), and Christopher Mt.

Scenic qualities are integral to defining its character and shaping the way of life of its residents (CLUP p. 272). The residents whose views and way of life would have the greatest impact are depicted in Slides 22 to 33. They want to conserve the places where their memories are made.

These four LUPC principal values are interconnected and enhance each other in this area and exemplify a sustainable pattern of land uses. The one image that best demonstrates this is Slide 11 from Down East magazine Sept 2006. Shown below.

Sept 2006 downeast.pdf (1 page)

TRIPS 2006

Consider the changing color of the leaves to be your signal to get out and explore this spectacular state.

5 FALL JOURNEYS

IT'S FINALLY BEGINNING to cool off, the crowds have begun to thin, and in the evenings you begin to remember how much you value your fleece. And did we mention the leaves? Fall is the perfect time to get out and go exploring in Maine. Every corner of the state offers something well suited for autumn activities: hiking in Maine's majestic White Mountains (okay, the Granite State's are nothing to sneeze at, but the Pine Tree State offers some stellar summits of its own), exploring the rich history and culture of Greater Portland, witnessing the midcoast's abundant wildlife, building family bonds in Acadia and the Bold Coast, and taking advantage of the North Woods' ample sporting opportunities. Whatever your style, we've put together five journeys throughout Maine for you to get as much as you can out of the season most Mainers think is the nicest in Vacationland. To make it even easier for you, we've included references to help you locate the more obscure locations on the one magbook in every Mainer's car or truck — DeLorme's *The Maine Atlas and Gazetteer*. So gas up, lace up, but whatever you do – don't hole up.

Visual Evidence of the rural character, sense of place and visual impacts on natural resources, recreational use & tourism within 2- 5 miles of Milton.
Presented by Ed Rosenberg August 10th, 2016 at LUPC hearing.

Woodstock Open Space Plan

An open space plan that facilitates the development of a broad-based vision for the identification and conservation of resources that preserves the quality of life and character of Woodstock for future generations to enjoy.

What do you love about Woodstock that you would like to see preserved for the future generations?

WES 5th grade class vision for open space

Woodstock Elementary School

The summit of Chamberlain Mt. is less than 3 miles from school on Rumford Ave. Nature trail leads from side of school and connects to multi use trails to Bucks Ledge, Lapham Ledge & Moody Mt.

Woodstock: Then, Now & Always

Woodstock, what we all call home: What will the legacy be

Large blocks of adjacent open spaces: Lapham Ledge & Chamberlain Mt.

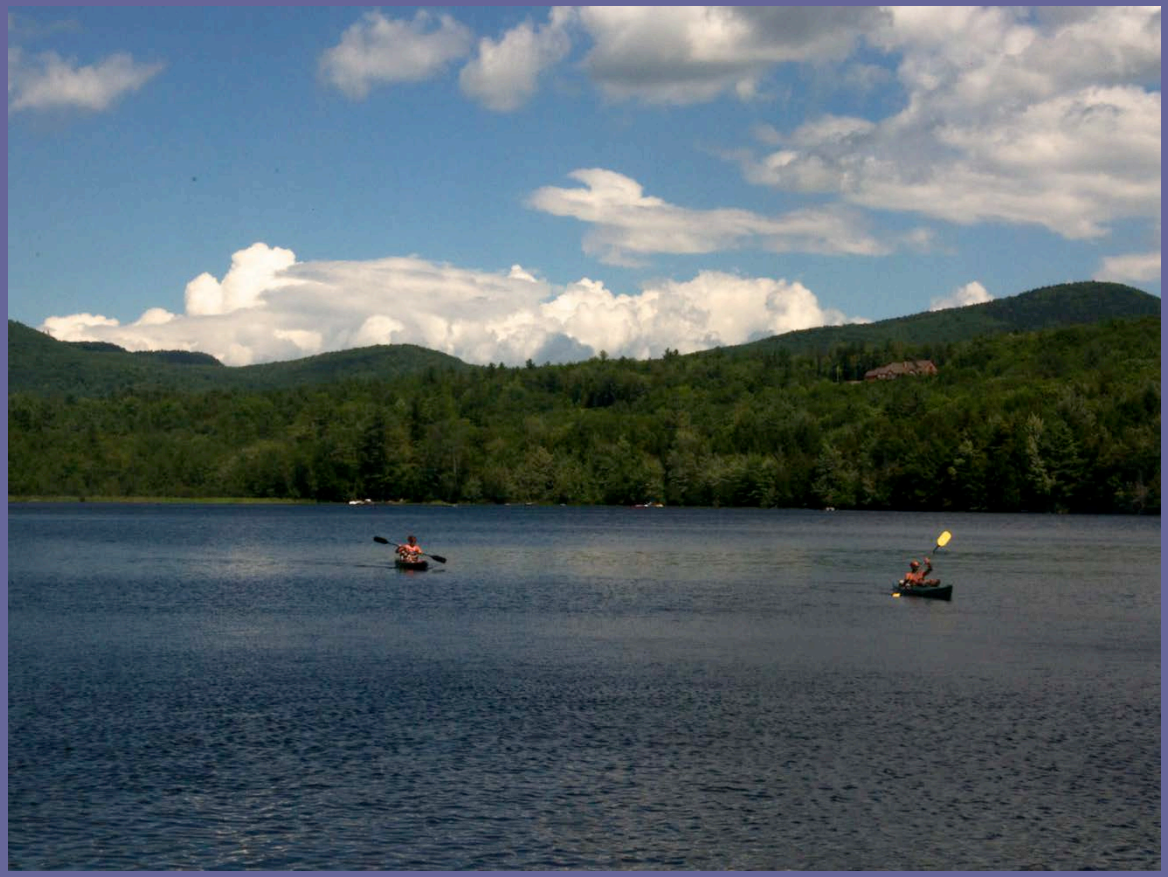
Bean Mt Bat Hibernaculum, Milton TWP.

One of only three major hibernacula in Maine. Historically this cave has supported three species of Myotis, Which have been Listed as endangered or threatened in ME. Located 3.1 miles from the Met. Tower on Bryant Mt. and 2.5 miles from the Bryant Mt. Wind Proj.

Scenic views that give Woodstock its unique Identity

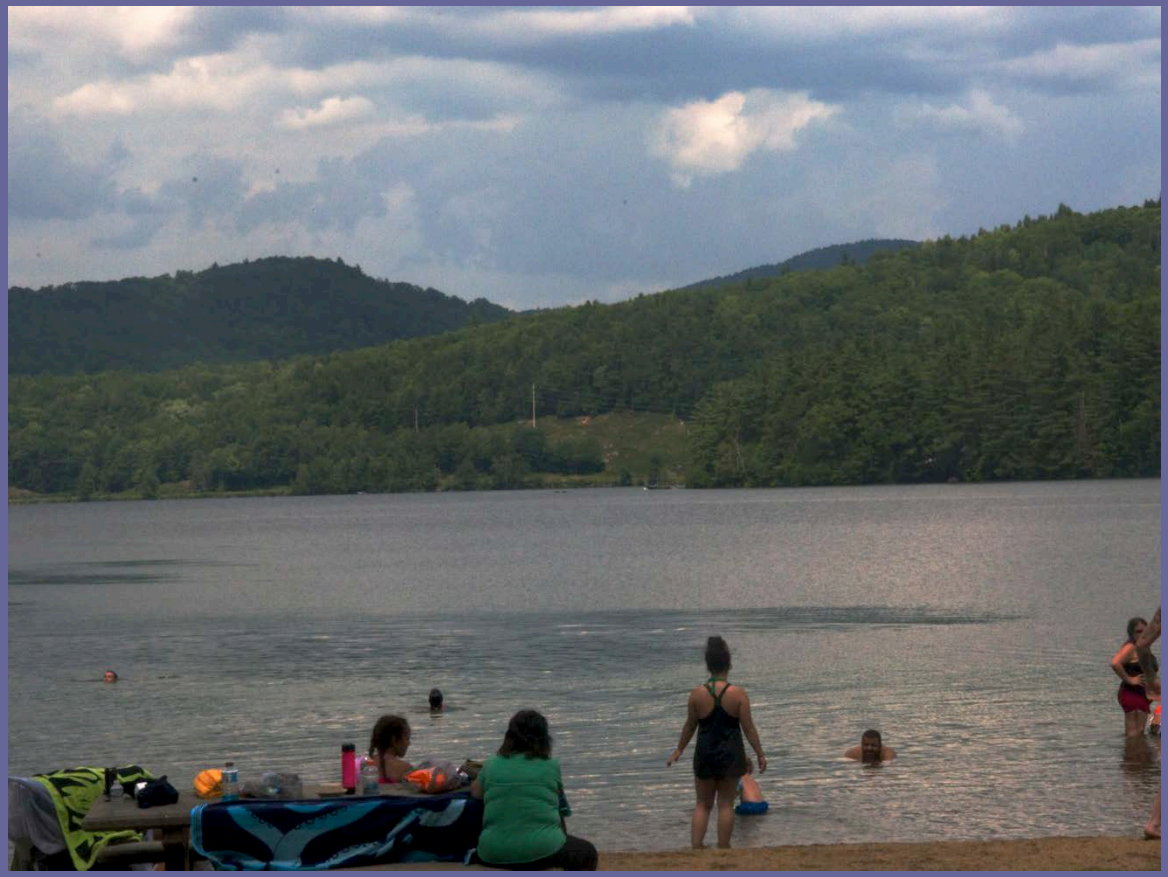
Iconic image of North Pond

This image was used in the Sept 2006 issue of Down east Magazine highlighted the 5 best foliage routes to take in Western ME. This image is from Cathy Newell's dock in Greenwood. 3.5 miles from Bryant Mt. & Chamberlain Mt at the far end of the pond. Images of North Pond have also been featured in LL Bean catalogs.



North Pond kayakers

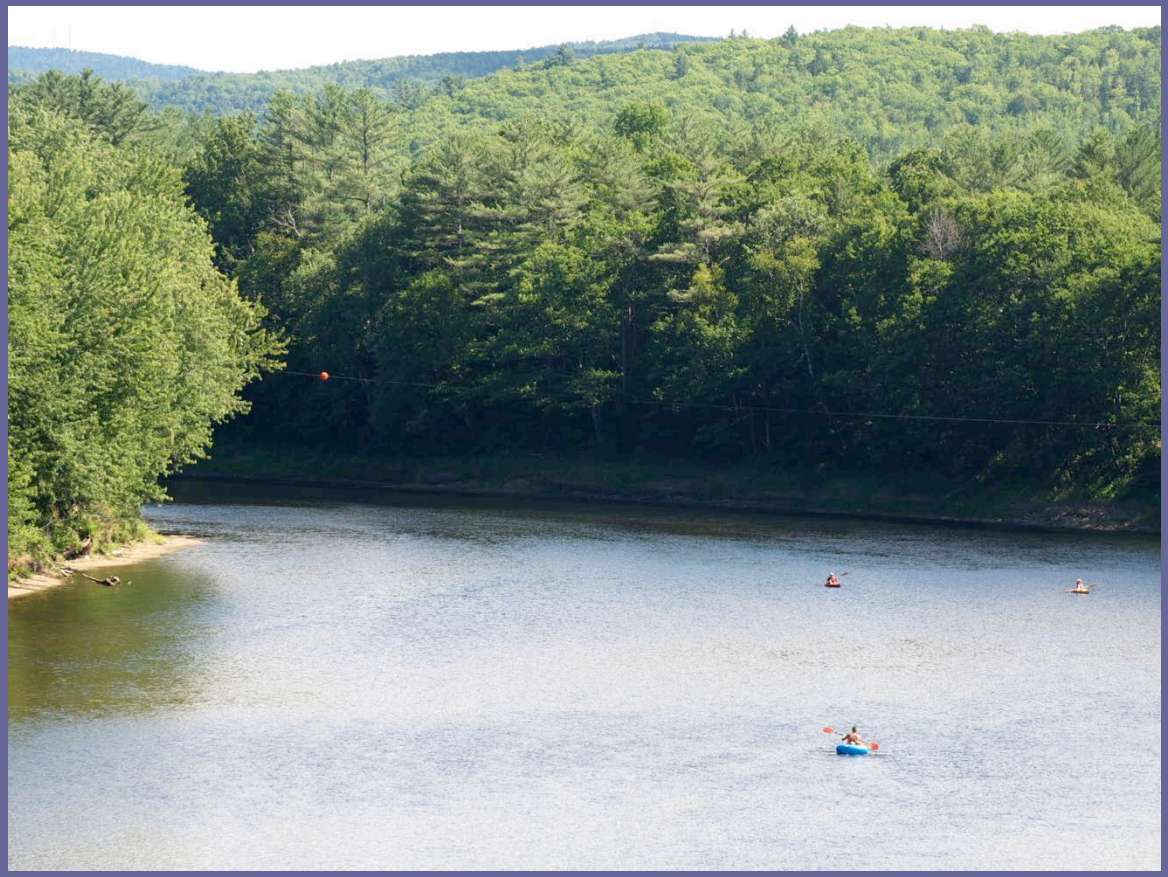
Views from Old Gore Rd, Greenwood. These Kayakers were from Albany, but consider North Pond their favorite pond to paddle. View is From Bryant Mt. to Chamberlain Mt. less than 2.5 miles away. Residents here are concerned about double flicker in the water.



Chamberlain Mt. from Greenwood Town Beach On South Pond

Moody Mountain is on left and top of Chamberlin is on right above the ridgeline is less than 5 miles away.

Chamberlain Mt to Bryant Mt. 3 &1/2 miles away from Big Concord Pond, Woodstock



Androscoggin River Trail from Rumford PT Bridge at junction of Rt 2 and Rt. 232

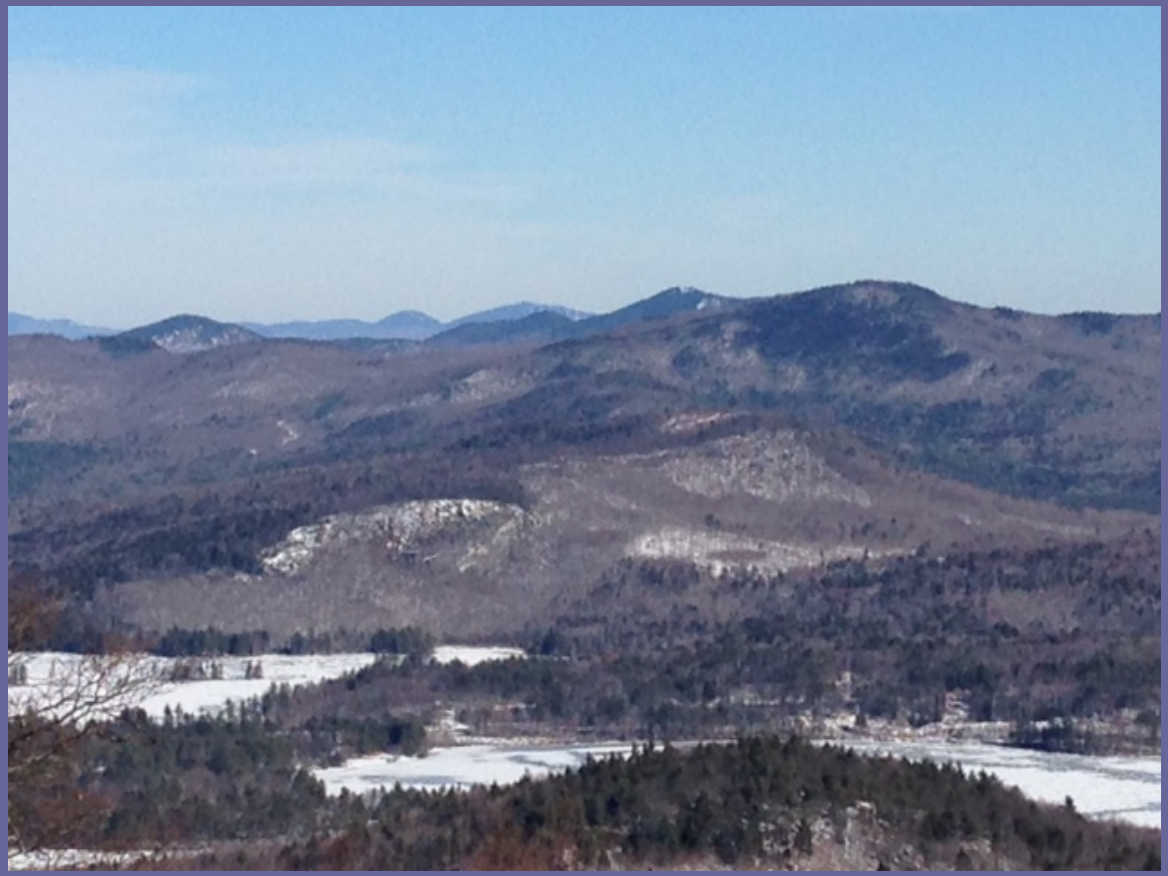
This image was taken 4 miles from Bryant Mt. 21/2 miles further down river Bryant Mt. is 2 miles from the river. This section of the river has become very popular with paddlers numerous take outs

Chamberlin Mt. to Bryant MT. 5 miles away Little Concord Pond State Park below

Little Concord Pond State Park / Bald Mt and Speckled Mt trails are outstanding recreational resources. The state keeps “the small pristine pond” stocked with brook trout.

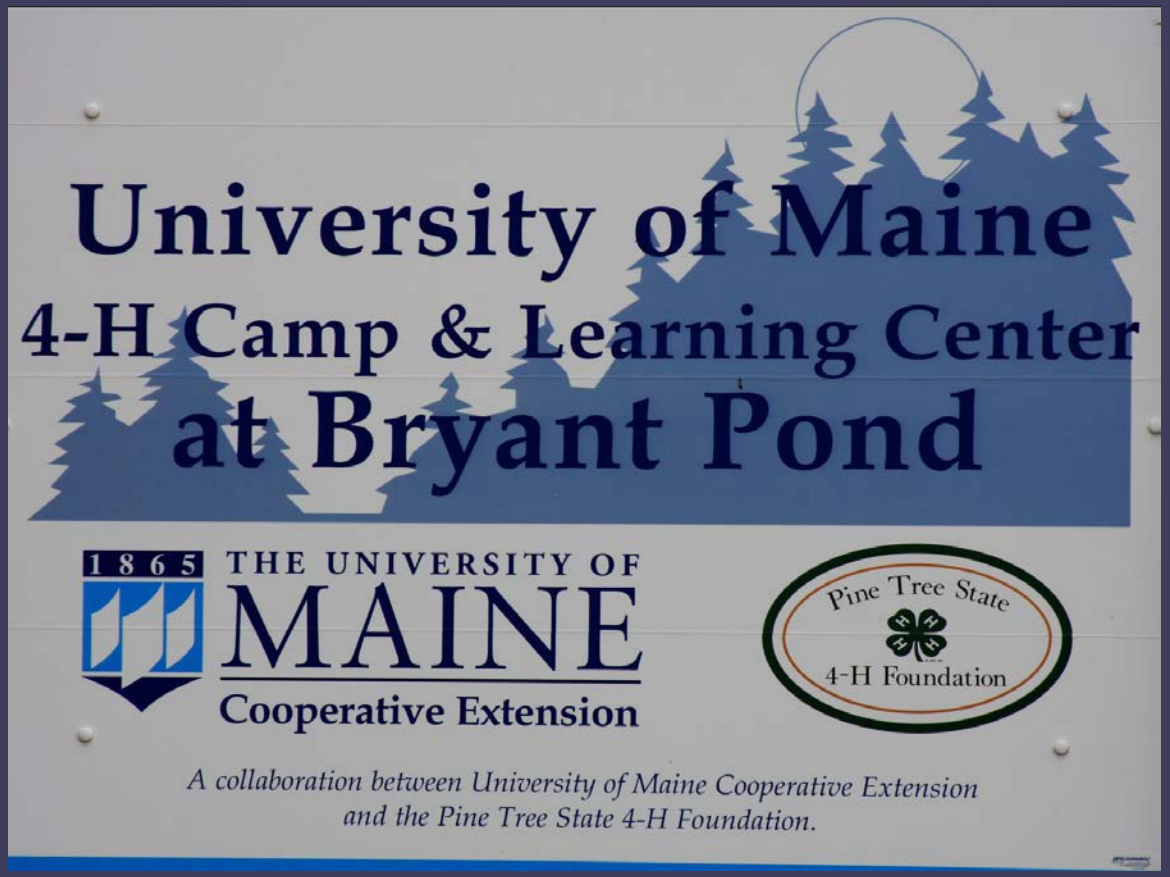
100 mile views from Mt. Zircon towards Chamberlin Mt. to Bryant Mt. 3.5 miles away

Maine Today.com January 25, 2016: 13 Amazing Maine Mountaintop Views.



Bryant Mt. to Chamberlin Mt. from Mt. Abram Ski Area, Greenwood

Bryant Mt. upper left of image to Chamberlain Mt. upper right of image. Mt. Zircon just to left of Chamberlain Mt. Lower left is North Pond,above north Pond Buck’s ledge, middle bottom to right bottom is South Pond. Chamberlin Mt. is 5.5 miles from Mt. Abram



Down east magazine July 2013 named the youth conservation school the best wilderness training camp in the state, referring to the camp as a “throwback to camps of Old”

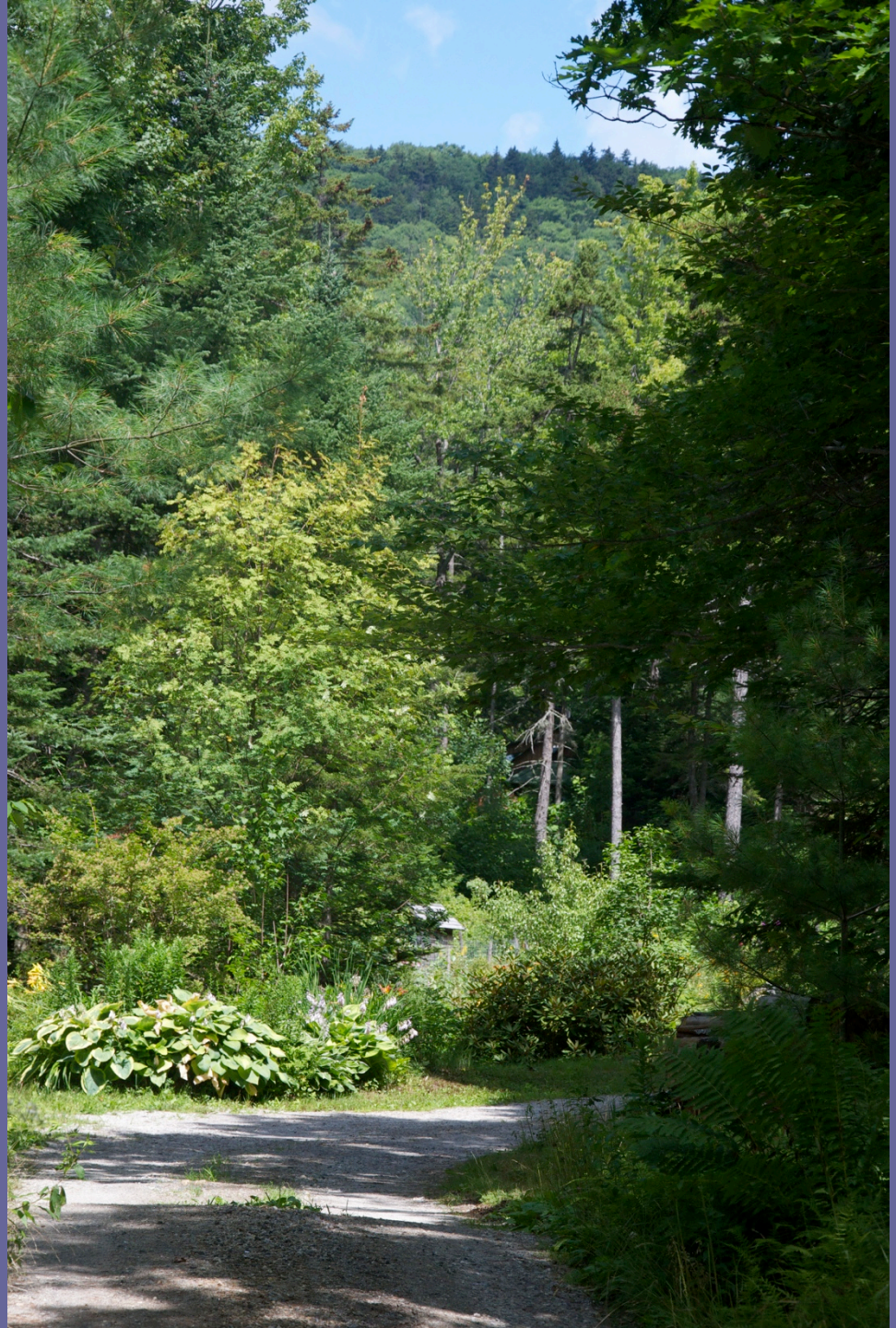
They train over 1,000 youth from Maine, across the US and internationally each year in wilderness survival, water & shooting safety in naturalist, primitive, leadership and Junior Warden programs. Using Lake Christopher as their base camp and classrooms. Also home to Telstar Freshman Acad.

“Then, Now and Always”

This slide honors Greenwood’s Bicentennial celebration this weekend. This view today is the same view as 200 years ago and we want to preserve this ridgeline for Always

Ricker Farm circa pre 1850

Warren Hillquest's farmhouse is less than 1 mile from the summit of Chamberlain Mt.. He owns 375 Acres of land that borders Milton TWP & the proposed wind tower project.



Chamberlin Mt. summit from Christine Kennedy home

Christine lives of of Billings Hill Rd in Woodstock. Her home is less than 4,000’ from the summit of Chamberlain Mt. Christine wrote a letter requesting that Milton TWP be removed from the Expedited Wind Power Development area list.

View from Bryant Mt. to Chamberlain Mt.

From Gore road, Bethel. 3 Generations of Wilsons are still living on the land. This image is from in front of the farm less than 2 miles from Bryant to Chamberlain Mts.

Ridgeline Bryant Mt. to Chamberlain Mt.

From Dwayne Bennett's farm RT 232 Bethel approx. 1 mile from ridgeline where towers will be placed. Dwayne wrote a letter and testified at the LUPC hearing on August 10th, 2016 supporting Milton TWP being removed from the expedited wind power dev. list

Pinhook Meeting House circa 1860

Located on RT 232, North Woodstock. 1.5 miles from the summit of Chamberlain Mt.

Davis farm on Billings Hill Rd. less than 1.5 miles from
Chamberlain Mt. summit.

William Chamberlain Farm Circa 1821

This farm was built by William Chamberlain the name sake for Chamberlain Mt. It is where I (Ed Rosenberg) was raised. My parents Peter & Annie Rosenberg purchased the farm in 1955. It is now owned by my sister Donna and her husband Greg Trundy.

Charlie Nielsen’s home

Located at 511 Farnum Rd. Woodstock. Their home is less than 1 mile from the Summit of Chamberlin Mt. seen on ridgeline behind home. Their home is down wind to the prevailing NW winds. With East winds they hear the Spruce Mt. wind turbines.

Criteria A: The removal of Milton from the expedited process will not have an adverse effect on the State's goals for wind energy development. We heard at the hearing from EverPower’s transmission consultant SGC that Maine power generators generate way more energy than Maine needs and can sell. That at times they have to shut down some wind farms so that other wind farms can come on line to export their power to the grid. Why does industrial wind need to build more wind power projects in Maine, if they have to shut down one wind power project so that another can come on-line? Maine has 14 more years to meet their 2030 wind energy goals.

From:	Leslie Rosenberg
To:	Beyer, Stacie R
Cc:	Leslie Rosenberg
Subject:	Milton Twp. support for removal from expideted wind power development area list.
Date:	Friday, August 19, 2016 12:56:44 PM
Attachments:	Criterion B, Leslie"s letter.docx

August 19, 2006

To the LUPC Commissioners,

Subject: Comments in support of removal of Milton Township from Expedited Wind Power Development Area List

Criterion B. The proposed removal is consistent with the principle values and goals in the comprehensive land use plan adopted by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission pursuant to Title 12, section 685-C

I am writing in support of removing Milton TWP. from the Expedited Wind Power Development Area List, because industrial wind power does not fit into the natural character or existing recreational use of the lakes, rivers and mountains in the immediate surrounding landscape.

Forty-six years ago I first discovered the Woodstock area on an invitation to come and experience the beauty of western Maine. I have been a resident for the past 44 years, having come to Bryant Pond after being raised in the mountains of Pennsylvania and having taught my first year in Vermont after receiving my Art Education degree from Penn state.

I knew after visiting the coast with my parents and grand parents when I was 11 that my desire was to live in Maine. I however knew nothing of western Maine at that time.

I was drawn to the culture and sense of place here, a congruent simplicity of all who lived here and their commitment to and value for a life that could not be equaled anywhere else.

I was committed to raising my family here in the heart of the mountains to ensure that my son and three daughters developed the values for the land and a way of being that exists particularly in this area.

They were raised skiing at Mt. Abram, hiking on our property, learning to swim in Lake Christopher, imbued with the natural beauty here.

I wondered where they might choose to settle as adults and whether the mountains and the connections of community would be of value as they raised their families.

I am thankful for the value that was established with them and their desire to ensure that their children understand the way of being on our mountain property as well as what it means to experience this pristine environment. All six of my grand children have attended the University of Maine 4H Camp and Learning Center in Bryant Pond and some have continued for years, drawn to this unique opportunity

on Lake Christopher and the views and opportunities that our local hiking in the mountains provide. They swam, canoed, hiked, camped, relating to local history, conservation practices for ensuring the quality of our environment and a connection and appreciation with all it encompasses.

Our grandchildren ski with us all winter, hike up our mountain, swim and boat in the bodies of water circled by Chamberlain Mountain, Mt. Abram and Spruce Mountain. They like the students I taught elementary art to in Woodstock, Bethel and Andover, highly value this entire area. I have worked with children in all three schools visualizing what they want for their future as well as their future children and have found that their desires exemplify what we treasure here now.

Near the end of my teaching tenor I worked with a group of fifth graders at Crescent Park Elementary School on what they valued about growing up here. They created the design for a sculpture welded by a local artisan from Hanover, which symbolically depicts the surrounding mountains and ridgelines with a quote that came out of the visual design and their deep desire to always experience how precious it is to live in the cradle of our magnificent mountains here,

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an integral part of the design, installed in the center of Bethel for the White House Millennium Project in 2000.

It speaks for all of us and their dedication to continue to preserve these mountain views as they are for not only us but for all who follow.

Respectfully,
Leslie Rosenberg
Woodstock, Maine

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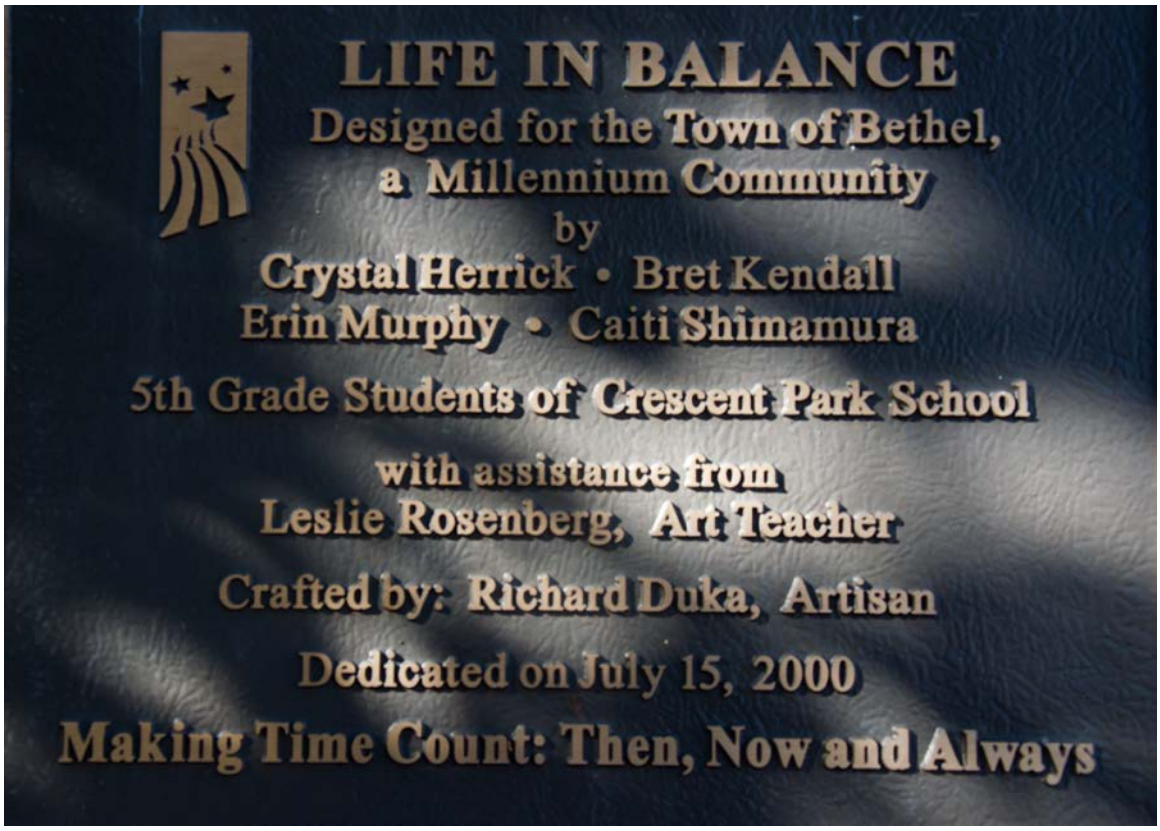
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Making Time Count: Then, Now and Always

From: Town of Woodstock
To: Beyer, Stacie R
Subject: Milton Twp
Date: Friday, August 19, 2016 11:25:20 AM

Dear Stacie,

I also want to add that I empathize with those hard working families who want to keep their family land. I also empathize with the families who want to preserve their solitude and quiet living. The expedited process is the wrong process for the State of Maine.

Thank you,
Rose Fraser
Woodstock

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August 9, 2016

To: Maine Land Use Planning Commission
Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
22 State House Station
18 Elkins Lane
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: **Petition to Remove Milton from the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development**

The selectmen of Bethel Maine voted unanimously on Monday, August 9, 2016 to support Milton Township's exemption from the expedited wind permitting area created under Maine's Wind Energy Act. Numerous citizens of our town would be affected by the development of wind towers in Milton Township. They have asked us, as their elected representatives, to support this exemption so that wind projects in Milton will be given the same scrutiny as those in Bethel.
Thank you for your consideration:

Donald G. Bennett, Chairman

Peter Southam, Vice Chairman

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Respectfully submitted,

Constance D. Haas
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Resident/Landowner
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From:	C Mata
To:	Beyer, Stacie R
Cc:	Corina Mata
Subject:	comment letter, oxford county, everpower wind project
Date:	Monday, August 22, 2016 12:16:00 PM
Attachments:	CRH LUPC letter .pdf

Please see attached. If you need to reach us please call 516-446-6492.
Thanks,
Cristian Mata, Concord River Holdings LLC

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Dear Stacie:

We are writing to request that the Commission keep Milton Twp. in the expedited permitting area for wind power.

We own in excess of 3000 acres of land in Milton Twp., and additional lands in the adjoining communities of Woodstock and Peru. For more than 5 years we have used our land for commercial timber harvesting. During that time, we have allowed and encouraged public access for recreational use of our land – for hunting and snowmobiling. We are also stewards of the land, 2000 acres of our land in Milton Twp is under a conservation easement that precludes future development.

We are happy to allow others to enjoy our property and to protect important lands from development. It is critical, however, that we also be allowed to put the non-conserved part of the land to productive economic use, particularly as the markets for traditional forest products are declining. Most recently we had to cancel a planned softwood pulp sale because the markets for pulp have declined with the closing of the Jay paper mill. We hope those markets will come back providing jobs and income for more people. Wind power is a synergistic use that will maintain the traditional working forest and at the same time provide economic opportunities not only to us but to the broader community by providing direct payments to neighbors, and to the communities in Milton and Woodstock, payments that will make it easier for property owners to pay off their real estate taxes and possibly to reduce the tax load for all in the community. We paid real estate taxes recently and noticed that, compared to last year, the tax increase was on the 10-15%, depending on the town – a bit less in Milton and more in Woodstock and Peru.

Milton is close to other types of infrastructure that make it particularly well suited for wind power. There is an existing wind project in the town of Woodstock, adjoining our property. We have not had any issues with the Spruce Mountain project and have not heard any negative comments about it. This is not an area that is untouched by development or that is or should be off-limits for development of wind power.

Changing the zoning is a significant decision that will have a negative effect on landowners by eliminating wind power as an allowed use. Zoning changes are a slow process, with an uncertain outcome. By eliminating wind power as an allowed use it will be harder in the future to rezone. We hope that the Commission will give careful consideration to the concerns of all property owners in Milton and not elevate the desires of those who object to the visibility of the turbines over the economic need of the landowners whose land would be rezoned as a result.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.
Sincerely,

Cristian S. Mata, partner, Concord River Holdings LLC
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From:	O"Neil Christopher P.
To:	Beyer, Stacie R
Subject:	Milton Township Petition Rulemaking
Date:	Monday, August 22, 2016 12:33:02 PM
Attachments:	FMM Comment on Milton Petition Rulemaking.pdf

Stacie -

Please find the comments from Friends of Maine's Mountains attached.

Thank you.

Chris

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Stacie R. Beyer
Land Use Planning Commission
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August 4, 2016

Dear Stacie:

Friends of Maine's Mountains (FMM) has opposed, been a party to, or intervened in licensing proceedings for almost every grid-scale wind energy project in Maine. FMM assisted many of the communities who chose to participate in the 2016 Opt-Out process that closed July 31, and we commend LUPC Staff, particularly Tim Beaucage, for his handling of what was for many laypeople, a daunting process.

FMM is concerned about our environment and climate challenges, and we advocate for clean energy. FMM opposes grid scale wind because any objective look at the numbers shows that grid scale wind in Maine is unnecessary, unimportant, unsustainable, and high impact/low benefit. While that all might be interesting and informative, none of it matters in this proceeding.

FMM cautions the Commission against being distracted by *ignorati elenchi.* Much of the comment that has entered the record to date addresses the merits of wind energy in general, and a potential wind project in particular. While the outpouring of anti-wind sentiment is mostly non-germane, it does affirm to you what the opt out petition has already declared: *that the residents of Milton Township want out of the Expedited Area*. As the Commission's substantive review considers whether Milton's opting out of the Expedited Area would trigger the two criteria, FMM urges all parties to remain focused on those criteria, and not on the many extraneous issues that fall outside Commission purview. That focus should lead to a clear and swift decision in favor of the petitioner.

Wind Goals: Maine set its statutory wind goals at a time when oil was approaching $150 per barrel, as our country was entangled in a messy Iraq war. A hasty and ill-informed task force rushed a wind energy proposal through a late-session rubber stamping of a bill that passed in just a few days without a single dissenting vote. That bill was what we now call the Wind Act, and among its numerous flaws was the capricious set of wind goals.

2.

Experience has taught us that the goals are harmful, unnecessary, and unattainable. Yes, unfortunately they still remain in statute, but they will not remain forever. The goals called for 2000 megawatts of installed capacity by 2015, and thanks in part to opposition and in part to market dynamics (the New England wholesale price of energy is today four times lower than it was when the Wind Law passed, and higher-quality generation like hydro and gas is now coming into the mix) there were only about 400 of those 2000 megawatts installed.

As to whether Milton's opting out will have "an unreasonable adverse effect," please consider that the wind goals cannot be reached, so this little township's contribution to the goals was not going to be significant anyway. If Everpower decides it doesn't want to participate in site location under the original process, that is their decision. Even if one holds the opinion that Milton's opting out can have an impact on the wind goals, said removal cannot have a significant effect, and it absolutely will not have an unreasonably significant effect.

If the Commission is asked to speculate that so-called "investors" in wind energy might be dissuaded from "investing" elsewhere in Maine because of some chilling effect resulting from Milton exercising a modicum of local control, please remember that as of July 31, only Milton and Carroll can be credited with such a chilling effect, so the argument should be discarded out of hand.

It is important to remember the distinction between installed capacity and actual generation. The wind goals are measured in installed capacity. Nothing in the Milton petition inhibits the installation of wind capacity anywhere.

Please remember also that removing Milton from the Expedited Area does not prevent wind energy from locating in Milton. In fact, before the new Expedited Area was created, applicants for wind projects had little trouble securing permits. Kibby, Mars Hill, Freedom and Vinalhaven projects sailed through. The only project that was rejected prior to the Expedited process was Reddington-Black Nubble. I remind you as a participant in that application that the project was justifiably rejected for a number of reasons having nothing to do with any of the advantages an applicant gains under the new Expedited process. It was a horrible project, by an amateur developer, at high alpine altitudes with rare species, on the Appalachian Trail, etc. Now, after a few years of experience with wind siting, nobody in Maine would either submit nor approve an application for a project like Reddington-Black Nubble.

Our most important point is that the old process allows wind development, so *removal of any minor civil division will not have an effect, let alone "an unreasonable adverse effect" on the state's potential to reach the wind goals*.

3.

Consistency with the CLUP: Before the Commission evaluates the second criterion, it should look back at the first criterion, in which it is clear that no removal from the Expedited Area will prevent further wind energy, as we stated in italics in the previous paragraph.

The CLUP's principal values and goals contemplate a broad mix of land uses. Whether Milton is in or out of the Expedited Area will have no effect on that broad mix of land uses. So the Commission has little to discuss in this proceeding when evaluating the second criterion. Subjecting any wind development project to the re-zoning or re-addition process in no way impedes the state's progress toward the wind goals, so it remains perfectly consistent with the CLUP.

Yours truly

Christopher P. O'Neil
Director of Public Affairs

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Wayne F Buck Jr

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Milton Township

From: Philip Oliver
To: Beyer, Stacie R
Subject: Milton Removal Petition
Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 11:29:28 PM

Well it's still the 22,should have sent this earlier,but as I get older it just seems I am Don Quixote tilting against the windmills. Money and Lawyers are whats going to win this one. My wife and I sold our farm in central Maine to come back and take care of her mother. We bought land on the Gore rd with a beautiful views of Bryant and Chamberlain, my mother in law lives just down the hill from us with wonderful views also.
I thought the worst that would happen is somebody would start to throwing some houses up there,and ruin the mtns like they did in Newry (Sunday River)! But no it's windmills.
If this project goes through our land and my mother in laws will will lose value. My wife and I put every penny we can save into our house.
The owner(who will gain financially) who inherited the land claims that democracy is being hijacked by a few misguided souls, well democracy was hijacked when my tax dollars are going to a project that will hurt me financially and could not stand alone without my tax dollar!!!

This project needs to be removed from the expedited process

Phil Oliver
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Woodstock,Maine 04219

22,August 2016 at 2229

From:	R MAC
To:	Livesay, Nicholas; Beyer, Stacie R
Subject:	RE: Petition to Remove Milton Township from the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development Substantive Review
Date:	Monday, August 22, 2016 11:55:40 PM

From: raam12@hotmail.com
To: nicholas.livesay@maine.gov; r.beyer@maine.gv
Subject: RE: Petition to Remove Milton Township from the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development Substantive Review
Date: Mon, 22 Aug 2016 23:51:35 -0400

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To: nicholas.livesay@maine.gov; stacier.beyer@maine.gov
Subject: Petition to Remove Milton Township from the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development Substantive Review
Date: Mon, 22 Aug 2016 23:33:55 -0400

To whom it may concern:

I attended the meeting held at the Bethel Inn on August 10 and heard the developer's representative make a presentation in support of keeping Milton Township in the Expedited Area for Wind Energy Development. I was unimpressed by Everpower's presentation as it appeared that there was no real interest or concern by the developer with regard to the effects of the wind power development on the residents of either Milton Township or the State of Maine.

I have owned a little house on Route 232 (the last house in Milton Township) since 1971. Over these many years I have had the good fortune to enjoy the wonderful views of the hills and mountains surrounding Milton Township. I consider the area the last refuge from

the stresses of living in the city.

While I understand the desire of developers to build wind farms at the least cost to the company and their investors, I believe Milton Township should be removed from the Expedited Area for Wind Energy Development for several reasons:

1. Views -Route 232 is the main travel road from Route 26 to Rumford Point. There has been an increase in travel on the road from visitors who wish to view the unobstructed views seen only on this road. I realize the LUPC said that views are not to be considered when making the decision for siting of wind towers, I disagree.

2. Transmission Lines - It seems to me that the transmission lines would of necessity create even more disruption of the views from the road as well as the permanent removal of trees around the transmission lines.

3. Wind Tower Effects - In every area where wind towers have been placed within 4000 feet of residents, the effects do cause problems for residents, i.e., the flickering causes those who may have migraines, seizure disorders. The sound of the motors is not inconsequential (I have personally experienced the noise when I was at a ski area and that was just one tower). The lights required at night do make a difference in the night sky. One of the reasons I love coming to Milton Township is the ability to see the stars at night. This would be affected negatively, no matter what the developers say.

4. Construction - There would be destruction of the hills during preparation and construction of the towers.

5. Developer's record - Everpower's first wind farm dates to 2009. Financing is secured through federal and state subsidies, and the requirement by utilities to secure power through purchases. Everpower's owner is Terra Firma, a european financing company which uses hedge funds to finance its investments. Terra Firma has been trying to sell

Everpower since at least 2015 and has had no potential buyers. Terra Firma has indicated that should the company be sold, it most likely would not be sold to a US company.

Should Milton Township be given to a developer who only wants to build a wind farm at the lowest cost without regard to the residents and visitors of the area? I think the answer should be NO. Once the Chamberlain Mountain or Bryant Mountain is gone, they are gone forever!

Maine has many unorganized townships and it is true that wind farms would not be detrimental in many of the areas with few residents and little travel. However, Milton Township is in a location that is too close to main travel roads and populations that would be affected in negative ways.

I am too old to be affected by the building of a wind farm; however, I am concerned that future generations of young people would be denied the enjoyment I have had for 45 years. I do think wind farms can be useful, but not in an area that is impacted by residents and visitors to the extent that this wind farm would be.

I ask that the LUPC to comply with the its directive by the Legislature to, among other principles, to "honor the rights and participation of residents and property owners in the unorganized and deorganized areas while recognizing the unique value of these lands and waters to the State, and to prevent residential, recreational, commercial and industrial uses detrimental to the long-term health, use and value of these areas and to Maine's natural resource-based economy".

Thank you for your consideration.

Rita A. McCauley
Route 232

Milton Township, Maine

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