

Supporting Comments (typed as presented, no changes to grammar or spelling):

Should help the tax base. In my opinion, the wind towers are an eye sore, but why shouldn't people benefit from their existence. Since the towers will bring in additional revenue to the town, I would hope those in the town would benefit from lower taxes.

This town is doomed unless something happens. We need more road work, update buildings and we need a new fire station \$1 million +. I do not believe from my research that this is a bad option. Any town I have been to has had a plus in savings. Good luck.

Ruin the aesthetics of the community? As I sit and watch for an entire day tractor trailer loads of liquid manure being spread on the beautiful pristine snow. Now it is black and they are back for a second day. I think I would rather look at a wind turbine. Noise levels: I have listened to them pump manure into the spreader continually. In the summer time we can hear the drying plant located on SH72 and the engine of the Amish farmer down the road run non-stop when putting his hay up. Potential Health Hazards: I disagree with the Health Hazards. Side effects are caused from a sickness. If you are sensitive to noise wind turbines may intensify that sensitivity. If you already have an anxiety issue wind turbines may intensify that. I do not believe that wind turbines cause the health issue. When they are spreading 15 plus tractor trailer loads of manure on a field across from your home I do believe there are health issues related to that. Chemicals are being injected into the cows every day to produce more milk. When they arrive in the spring after planting crops and you watch a tractor pull in with an enclosed cab and the person sitting in there is completely covered in a white suit and they start spreading chemicals on the field and as you watch the wind blows the chemicals everywhere. It lands on our yard where our animals are, the birds, the bees, etc. Wildlife: has already been impacted by area woodlands being clear cut and the numerous nuisance permits given out. Property Value: I feel that our property value is decreased within the community. Odor that people have to smell on a continual basis within our community. The mess on the roadways. I don't think I would have a very good chance of selling my home this past weekend or during the summer when they arrive back.

I own 30+ acres.

This owner has 15 pieces of property and a total of 1800 acres.

I would like to know more about it and the locations.

Wind power must be in one mix of non-fossil fuels. Americans must make some sacrifices (including life styles) for future generations around the world. Despite support, we are concerned about potential health hazards. Also concerned by divisive approach Avangrid has used in developing this project in a way to pit community residents against one another. We dislike the approach Avangrid (Iberdrola) has taken of leasing sites ahead of community discussion. Our community as a whole must receive maximum possible economic benefits through property tax reductions. Every property owner must be fairly and legally protected against any loss in value of property (with costs for determining values and

compensation paid by Avangrid). If any health problems (physical or mental) are ever proved to have been caused by turbines, Avangrid should be responsible for compensation.

I feel anything that may benefit the town and its property owners financially is a positive. However, I would like more information on the possible product.

I believe a fund should be set up to cover the cost of removing the towers when they become useless. This fund should be set up and paid by the wind company.

No pilot – from facts I have heard actual taxes will be greater.

I feel there is still more info needed to make a wise decision. I have worked on wind mills in Iowa (building them) but no real experience with them operational or living with them. Regardless, I will stand with majority on this issue.

There's a pro and con side to everything but the con can't be as bad as burning oil and coal.

I would like to see if one can be put on our property; as we were thinking of installing a small one. Always windy here.

Go to Lowville and they will support it, including farmers.

Likely lower school taxes or at least reduce growth rate. State rebate checks are given for staying under 2% tax cap – PHCS taxpayers didn't receive this last year. We understand that this probably won't be possible so a PILOT is better than nothing. Talk to Chateaugay Board/Supervisor – their community appears to be flourishing. There is a lot of misinformation being spewed by a small, vocal group – this may sway folks who are on the fence with no factual basis and there seems to be a push (major) from non-residents. Thank you for your time. We trust that you will listen to all sides.

This is a large company that needs to pay all of its' actual taxes. If they are not willing to do that, then they should build somewhere else. I pay all of my taxes. They should pay all of theirs.

They should pay tax's (sic) like everyone else, no one wants to but has to. Yes there (sic) spending mega money but to make money you have to spend money.

Personal benefits likely if you are the direct host.

I hope it is approved. Any renewable form of energy being wind or solar is good for everyone. In my opinion of course.

In many areas wind mills have reduced electric rates. I am totally in support for alternative energies. We need to reduce/eliminate our needs for foreign oil. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

I don't foresee any industry or big business coming to town of Hopkinton so this may be a chance of a lifetime to improve our tax base. If we don't start moving ahead we will be left behind in the future.

Concerned about zoning / setback restrictions.

Anything that will give a tax break I am for. Hopkinton taxes are crazy high.

What amount of \$ in lower energy rates. What impact on school from families of employees.

All for it.

Tax payers should not bear additional taxes for any reason due to the wind farm. End result to the tax payer should be lower taxes.

Cleaner and safer for the environment than coal, oil or nuclear.

I feel the wind farm would benefit the community and town. I also feel that if someone owns property, they should be able to do what they want with it as long as it is legal.

I am in favor of wind farms. This is what Hopkinton needs to keep up with the times.

Am concerned about the potential "run-out" of the project in 15, 20, 30 years. Recent news, NY's nuclear plants are being phased out. Many northern European countries now have a high % of wind generated electricity, and in some instances are 100% in favorable conditions on at least temporary basis. 1. Consider the example of the 'Co-gen' Plants of a couple decades ago in Canton, Gouverneur and elsewhere. Wealthy investors were able to use a combination of user subsidies on the price of the electricity generated combined with delayed local property tax payments (POLOTs) to reap windfall profits up front, only to abandon the properties when, or before, the subsidies ended. If the developers cannot, or will not, meet their tax obligations up front then the project does not deserve to go ahead. (I would cite a local example that made the news this past year. SLIC Communications, according to the news, fell in arrears on real property tax payments, mostly because they were being taxed during development phases before the projects were generating income. If this is the way local governments treat local businesses that are trying to offer vital services to local residents, why in the world would we subsidize large out of the area or foreign investors differently.) 2. All pro and con opinions should be evaluated in reference to the personal circumstances of the individual making the argument. For example, although I pay property tax in both Hopkinton and Parishville, and grew up in Parishville, I am not a current resident. I would, however, be delighted if the wind resources were such that there was interest in development in the area where I do live and own a farm. Also, for example, the evaluation of a potential for reduced taxed based on an increase in taxable value of the townships could be very different for those struggling to meet those obligations versus those persons with more than adequate guaranteed income to make higher property taxes a non-concern.

I also support natural gas, anything for this area to support itself.

The power will connect directly to our grid at the substation in Nicholville. We will benefit from green power! A pilot of \$150,000 would give Hopkinton \$150,000 extra income, equivalent to 75 new homes, paying \$2000/year taxes. We know this scenario will never happen here. The town needs this project! The anti-wind crowd wants to equate what the turbines would pay in taxes to what 50 mw that are produced by 5 dams in Parishville. Wrong! My acre is worth a lot more on the river in Parishville than an acre in a corn field.