

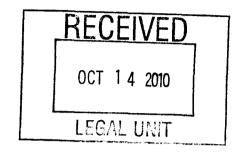
GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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THOMAS BURACK, CHAIRMAN SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES 29 HAZEN DRIVE, BOX 95 CONCORD, NH 03302-0095

RE: APPLICATION OF GROTON WIND, LLC SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE NO. 2010-01



Dear Chairman Burack:

As the Grafton County Commissioner with two of my seventeen towns, Groton and Rumney, within District #3, being the affected towns for the proposed wind farm, I wanted to write a letter of support. I attended two informational sessions in Rumney this past summer. As you well know there is a great diversity of opinion and sentiments being expressed about this project! Though it will be physically located in Groton, the residents of Rumney are hoping that some economic benefit will come their way. They also have concerns about their land values changing if their property will have a direct view of the turbine blades. Groton residents appear to be accepting of this project as the taxes imposed on it will certainly benefit their bottom line.

I continue to read articles about residents who live near these turbines with many being severely impacted in terms of noise. I am concerned with that aspect too. I hope that further study on this issue for the Groton project will happen. On the other hand, we must take some action to reduce our use of fossil fuels while simultaneously learning to accept these technologies, "warts and all." I am not minimizing their impact but if we talk "green" then let's act green!

To that end I would like to express my support for this project to become a reality in this part of Grafton County. Ray Burton, Grafton County Commissioner and Executive Councilor for District #1, has also expressed his strong support for the Groton Wind LLC project to proceed.

We will watch this process as it unfolds with great interest. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support for this endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Martha B. Richards, Grafton County Commissioner – District #3

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Raymond S. Burton, Grafton County Commissioner – District #2