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Concerns; Windpower Expedited Area Petitions for Substantive Review.

In my first meeting when we met with Stacie Beyer and had Nick Livesay on the phone we talked about why we wanted this meeting

That being that we didn't want to see Carroll Plantation removed from the Expedited Wind Area.

If we hadn't of seen the article in the Lincoln News (a local paper), that Read "Carroll residents present petition to be removed from the Expedited Wind Permit Area." I wouldn't of known nothing about this as no one said nothing or came around with this Petition to sign. So I went to the Town and asked who circulated the petition and if they knew anything about it. I was told by the Plantation Clerk that she only found out about it by the fact that she had to approve the signatures being voters of said Town.

I in turn along with another resident didn't think this was right and we decided to inform the other residents of the town about this Petition that was circulated and signed by nine (9) residents, which I know was enough because it had to be 10% of the last gubernatorial election. but what about the other 90% that didn't know? Shouldn't something as important as this be discussed by the whole town? So this is where were at.

I know that we have battled this for the last four years. and I know we've put up a good fight and lost every time. But I ask you

now let us have at this one last chance and let us stay on the books and give the opportunity to others and give them one chance, and not to have to be or go and get rezoned for their business.. Let this be one thing that they can look at and say maybe we have a chance to bring something into this town that can make the town prosper. Don't let this town become a ghost town. As it is now anyone that works has to go else where to find jobs.

I know that we will probably never have Wind Mills on Bowers. But I ask you why? Almost every project that was submitted for Wind Mills were accepted. Rollins Wind, Record Hill Wind, Oakfield Wind, Spruce Mountain, Saddleback Ridge, just to name a few they all went through, they all had scenic impact. I don't understand.

Scenic impact plays in every project. The Bower's Mountain project passed every test. There's no reason why it didn't pass this one. Sure you can see Bower's from the lakes so what. I can see it from my place I hunt this mountain I own ground within a couple of miles of it. I've fished the brooks that run along the bottom of the mountain, I've walked the trails and rode four wheelers on the grown up and closed in roads in behind those mountains.

Forestry has played a big part on this mountain and local areas. Many a parcels were selective cut, many striped, but to look at this now you wouldn't know. It has really grown back. For instance where I live you could see two towers on Almanac Mtn. I can barely see one now. Almanac had these two towers for years. It had the fire tower with observatory which you could see for miles around. but now gone they don't use it anymore and the Public Broadcasting tower. I could see the lights blink on this from my

house I use to use these lights as a signal because I knew if these lights weren't blinking there was something wrong.

Energy resources; When I think of this I think of energy generated by water in near by brooks where they use to dam the brooks for the grist mills and lumber sawing mills. I know a few places that they did this not too far from where I live. No one uses water power for anything around here anymore.

Scenic resources; First comes to mind is Mt. Katahdin, you can see this for miles regardless of where you are in this area. And I know you can see this from at least two Wind Mill sites. Another is Almanac Mtn. again it had the lookout tower for the forestry and one of the most magnificent views in this area. Patty's Falls tucked remorsefully in the forest and if you don't know how to get there you'd never find it. Vinegar Hill a breath taking view, you could at one time see to Grand Lake Stream or further now it has grown up so much these places are losing their view. Silver Lake in Lee also had a nice view. this lake is used not only for fishing but pleasure many different functions all year round is happening on this lake and they pay no attention to the red lights blinking off in the distance. It's just another view. Heading through Junior Lake going into Scraggly there is so much scenery around the shores and the islands you don't have time to look at the sky line. Fishing is where it's at in these lakes. Going out through Junior Bay and heading toward Grandlake Stream detouring a little going in Bottlelake stream back down through to the Locks still traveling further you come upon Ellsmore Landing. Just watching and see the contour of the rocks and water levels at different times of the year, seeing the bottom of these lakes in places and wondering how life must of been. Bringing the logs down through in the spring.

Going down through the Channel as they call it, you can't be looking around you have to pay attention you need a real good guide to go down through it's tricky. It also helps when the driver knows the area and history of these parts and tells a story as you are traveling and see the sites you'll never pay attention to the mountains tops if your fishing and site seeing.

Recreational uses and resources; There wasn't much to do in Carroll for recreational fun. Kids and adults made there own intertainment. we never had all the fancy stuff like snowmobiles, and ATV's. Few kids went to swimming lessons in Bottletlake, but not all because some just couldn't afford to send or take their kids there. As time went on they went else where for swimming lessons to many blood suckers and no one had any interest in teaching kids. The lake filled with camps and at the boat landing the people that owned the camps complained of the noise. (Noise Pollution). In Springfield they played at the ball diamond for years there use to be kids every summer and as the years went by no interest. But I don't think it was so much that the kids didn't have interest as it was the grown ups couldn't get along, long enough to coach the game.

Skiing was a big thing for recreation in Lee at the Mt Jefferson now that too is fading. So now all we have is Atv's and Snowmobiling they ride our seasonal roads and our back roads and complain that they aren't passible or someone is complaining that they are making to much noise and dust. You just can't win either way. We do have a few people that love to go horse back riding on the back roads and go up on the mountain trails for a day of relaxation. They manage to get in eight or ten trail rides a year.

Plant and Animal Resources; There's a few places today in town that either Potatoes or Corn are planted in the fields. But not by local farmers. we don't have any local farmers anymore all gone out of business. We have this one farmer that plants some fields, he comes all the way from Corinna, Me. We have a few local people that think that they are farmers of some sort or another, whether it be food wise or animal wise. We have a guy that has a "deer farm," but lets suppose that he needs a permit to have these deer or maybe say he has to be in a Zoned Area which like to Wind Mills and it goes up to be voted on that we want him to be taken out of the Expedited Area not to allow deer farms in the area now just how would that set with people? It's the same scenio right? Think about it.

Without the new growth after the trees are harvested those tender shoots on the new saplings and where the ground has been stirred up cause new feed to grow. This allows animals of all sorts to be able to find food and be able to reach it. Even where the Wind Mills are you ride these roads and see where they replanted. and you'll see wildlife. Even with the farmer bringing back the fields with the planting of corn has increased our deer herd.

When they put the Wind Towers on these mountains they designed them with View in mind, just ride and look anywhere they replanted the ground that was constructed. put back new growth, new feed for the animals to feed.

Community character; well now that changes according to what part of the town you visit. and believe me there is a lot of character. I know your probably not talking about people, but the people is the Community. We are a small town trying to survive and keep

what we have. We need to keep what zoning laws we have and not loose what we already got. we don't need to be changing anymore just because of scenery impact and some person don't like the looks of looking out his or her window. Why have a business have to go through a lot of process for nothing when it is already zoned for that business.

In years past in this town we had cheese factory, lime queries, sawmills, gristmills, at least 6 different schools, dairy farms, potatoe farms, fox farms, they all lived without zones. We had our own Post Office, stores and granges. We had a community of folks that all got along that helped each other in time of need. We had a church that everyone was welcome in. and now it's all gone. They didn't worry about a business moving in, they thought of it as it might supply jobs for the people that didn't have one an opportunity to be able to learn a new skill. They didn't worry about a (View).

There is still places in the area that have never been cut "Virgin Timber" is what they use to call it. Ground that has been sold and resold, Ground that this project if it had of passed Scenic impact and not been denied that could of been now helping people of this community make a difference in their lives. A little can go a long ways. All was denied because of nine lakes and their Scenic Views. Which nobody would of paid and attention too if it had been for a select few. who wanted to cause a problem and they did.

I don't wanna hear about sacred ground either, how can something so sacred be sacred if they sold it. It couldn't of been that sacred right to sell for money which has no value for the main part. Look at the views that people have now on the other sites because of the

Wind Mills. People come from all over to ride these roads put in by the Wind Mill people to see them up close and to see the "views" from atop the mountain. Something that they would of never ever would of been able to do. These roads allowed people to get into different hunting and fishing areas, new places to have a picnic beside the wind mills and enjoy the views. and yes even a wedding or two. That's what I call "Character", that's what I call "Scenic Impact." This was the best idea anyone has ever had. It gave opportunity to hundreds to see should we say "what was on the other side of the mountain." "Nature at it's best. Beauty for all to see."

So I ask of you Do Not Remove Carroll Plantation from the Expedited Area. Let us prosper if anyone so desires to take us on again. Don't take that away from us, just because of Scenic Impact. Lets us show them Scenic impact by showing them the views that really make a memory in their minds of the "Beauty of this land."

Thank-You

Starr Clough



7/17/16

Dear LUPC,

Hello! My name is Holly Worster, resident born & raised in Carroll plantation. I take this time to write you this letter to show my support for Carroll plantation to "NOT" be removed from the expedited wind zoning area. I feel that Carroll plantation meets the principal values and goals set by the Maine Land Use planning Commission.

Carroll plantation to me is my home, the home I have known for 32 years. The land I was raised on has been in our family for many, many years. Our land was our families farm like many other properties here in Carroll plantation. Farming was the way of life for Carroll plantation. Carroll had several farms, stores and schools in its earlier days, but what do we have now? We try to bring something positive to Carroll plantation for economic growth but we've been through hoops and battles. Why? Because people are afraid of change.

At my families farm on the North Rd in Carroll and at my current home on the Brown Rd we have excepted change. The Change of Seeing Wind technology but our windows. Has it changed how we feel about our view?

Absolutely not. We love our view. To us its priceless. From the North rd we see both projects

Stetson 1+2. From our home on the Brown Rd we see the Rollins projects and the recent project on Passadumkeag Mt. Do we hear noises? No. Does our hearts skip a beat? No. Does the light effect us? No ~~at all~~

Whats the difference a windmill that you can see, or a natural gas line underground. I would much rather see a windmill than

an underground bomb like the one recently put in Lincoln. yep right down the main Rd. These towers would be on a Mountain top. a tax payers property. Whats the difference a man having wind mills or a farm having animal droppings on it. Probabln if farming was as big today as it was then someone would be offended and want to

Say no to farming. If you take a look around how many recent graduates are packing up and leaving? Most! Why? Because they can't find jobs here to stay. Come on people Dur Mills and forestry ^{industry} has been our current way of life and now it's circling the toilet bowl. It's time to grow in forward direction, not just sit idly and fall backwards. If all the other projects can be built why deny Bowers. Welcome to 2016 no matter what you do someone will always be offended. So with this being said, let Carroll plantation be open for business don't remove us from the expedited wind zoning area because we believe in our future and economic growth.

Thank you
Haley Woster
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