

October 23, 2007

Joseph Farleigh
Chair – Roxbury Planning Board
Roxbury Town Hall
P.O. Box 187
Roxbury, NY 12474

Dear Mr. Farleigh,

I am writing to express my opposition to industrial wind turbines in the towns of Roxbury and Stamford. For the past 25 years I have enjoyed my house on Cowan Mountain in the Town of Hobart, Village of Stamford. My home and my deck are directly facing the Moresville Range. I absolutely shutter to think that maybe one day my entire view will be obstructed by these huge monstrosities that your town planning board seems to have embraced. I support renewable energy, and believe that perhaps small wind turbines for individual homes or farms should be allowed in order to meet local energy needs, but industrial turbines would undercut local needs. We should build on, not destroy, our towns' greatest resource: its rural beauty. Placing a huge wind energy facility in Stamford and Roxbury will mar this rural beauty for decades to come.

Industrial-scale wind turbines raise many other serious concerns, including long-term loss of tax revenue due to decline of second-home ownership and tourism; decline in property values; noise and flicker from the turbines that can be detrimental to residents' health; harm to roads and water supply caused by turbine construction; detrimental effects on wildlife corridors and hunting; and environmental damage caused by clear-cutting, road building and construction. The electricity generated will not benefit Stamford or Roxbury residents. The greatest beneficiaries will be profit-hungry energy corporations.

I urge you to protect our landscape, economy, environment and health by adopting zoning rules that ban industrial wind turbines and allow only small-scale wind turbines in this area.

Sincerely,

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