

On Jul 17, 2015, at 3:48 PM, Jill L. DeVoe <luvgrayhorses@gmavt.net> wrote:

In regards to all of the Solar Controversy going on in our world:

This is pretty much my response to an e-mail I received pertaining to PSB DOCKET #8523.....

The POWER PLANT that is proposed for development at 820 Field Days Road in New Haven is SEVEN(7) TIMES the size that our Town Plan allows!

I feel VERY strongly on my position of RESPONSIBILITY!!

RESPONSIBLE INSTALLATION: STOP using green fields! There are plenty of rooftops that can be used to place solar panels on! Yes, it would involve a little more expense and work to reinforce these structures, but SAVE OUR LAND!!!!!! Field Days, Four Hills, Misty Knoll all have plenty of existing rooftops that could support substantial POWER PLANTS! NEW CONSTRUCTION should be MANDATED to have solar panels on their roofs! Misty Knoll is building a new barn as we speak - will it have panels?? Four Hills is rumored to be building a new barn. Will it have panels?

RESPONSIBILITY TO PLANT & MAINTAIN SCREENING: If rooftops are used, this would not be an issue! But since there are POWER PLANTS already in place in our fields, there is LITTLE OR NO screening in place, and what is, is a JOKE!!! Trees could easily be placed around these POWER PLANTS to hide them!!

RESPONSIBILITY TO REMOVE: When existing developers sell their projects and are down the road, (even if they still own them) and THERE IS NO RECYCLE PROGRAM for these materials, who is going to take care of obsolete POWER PLANTS?!?! And be RESPONSIBLE to make sure the materials are disposed of in a RESPONSIBLE fashion?

RESPONSIBLE FOR WEAR & TEAR ON TOWN ROADS: Take campground Road for example. Look at what happens to a road with large, heavy trucks coming and going from one spot. We are not only talking about the POWER PLANT going in at Field Days Road, but another proposed to go in north of West Cemetery and Quaker Village Road!! Who will be RESPONSIBLE to bring the roads back to what they were before construction started? Pike Industries supposedly has an "agreement" with the Town to maintain that Road. Hmmmmmmmmm

RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR BIRDS & WILDLIFE: How are these POWER PLANTS being placed in green fields going to affect our grassland birds, migrating geese, etc... At our property we have nesting eagles nearby that frequent our fields, nesting hawks, herons, ducks, and are in direct migration for geese from Dead Creek to Otter Creek!!!! Will these POWER PLANTS in fields where the birds either land to rest, or fly over affect their migration???

RESPONSIBILITY FOR TIME SPENT, STRESS, STRAIN, PAIN & SUFFERING these IRRESPONSIBLE situations are creating for not only my entire neighborhood from Twitchell Hill to Field Days Rd. to Otter Creek Hwy to Pearson Rd, but our entire state! I have people commenting from Island Pond to Williamstown to Bennington!!

RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AT THESE POWER PLANTS FOR WHAT THEY ARE! NOT ARRAYS! NOT FARMS! BUT COMMERCIAL POWER PLANTS!

and if they are going to stay in fields, put them in the commercial corridor with AMPLE screening!

These are MANY peoples feelings, not just mine!

98% of the people I talk to feel this way!

Just as an example, look at the ratio of FOR & AGAINST at the Public Hearing the other night!!

I appreciate the kind, caring people Vandal (appropriate name by the way) and his partner are, but why are they being so IRESPONSIBLE by putting a COMMERCIAL POWER PLANT on AGRICULTURAL LAND that feeds a neighbors cows?????

Best,

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