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To: Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals
Plymouth Town Hall
11 Lincoln Street,
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

Mr. Kuhn made an inquiry to my office about the effect that the wind turbines have had on the housing values in the town of Hull.

I have been a full-time Realtor working for the Jack Conway Company for over 10 years in the town of Hull. I live in Hull and my office is located in the center of town. I am a top producer, having won awards as Tops In Listings and Tops in Sales for the past 5 straight years. I closed over 25 deals in 2011. I have sold condominiums and single family homes that were in close proximity to our wind turbines.

Hull is proud to say we have two wind turbines, which go by the name Hull Wind I and Hull Wind II. As you can see on the official website for the town of Hull, "Commissioning date was December 27, 2001 for Hull Wind I. Public support was high, and a survey by the light department returned 95% favorable reactions, the commonest question being "why not more?"

By May of 2006, Hull Wind 2 was commissioned (a Vestas V80, rated at 1.8 Megawatts). In its first year it produced 4,088,000 KWh, and townfolk showed considerable pride in the results. Six state and national awards had meantime accumulated. One light company commissioner joked "we have run out of wall-space in our the Light Plant's offices to hang our award plaques -- some will have to be moved to Town Hall." This pair of turbines was now supplying over 10% of the town's entire consumption of electric energy.

In my professional opinion, the wind turbines have had no detrimental effect on housing values since they were erected. There were many concerns before they were built, "will they be noisy? Will they throw chunks of ice from the blades at nearby homes? Will they kill the birds? The answers to all those questions have been "no."

Hull Wind I is located next to Hull High School where the original windmill that stood 80 feet high was built in the 1980's.

When Hull Wind II was proposed, which sits atop the hill of our capped landfill, the residents of nearby Hingham protested that it would impact their views. All of that opposition has quieted since it was constructed and the majority of neighbors embrace the Turbines as an important energy alternative. This is especially true in a



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time when we are trying move toward sustainable green alternatives and work toward ceasing our dependence on foreign oil. Now people simply use the Windmills as a means of giving directions, using them as landmarks. They have blended into the topography.

One of the close neighbors of Hull Wind II is the Clinton family who live on Gosnold Street. "A book was web-published in 2006 by Aly Clinton, "Our Neighbor Millie." She is proud of Hull Wind 2, which she nicknamed "Millie." It stands some 400 yards from the home that 8-year old Aly shares with her parents and her younger brother Charlie. Charlie helped with the illustrations. She and Charlie held a book signing and lecture at Hingham Public Library, where they received two awards (Hingham residents had protested the construction of Hull Wind II) -- and revenue from book sales. Part of this revenue stream has been directed by the co-authors to the non-profit Weir River Watershed Association."

As I show homes located near the Turbines to Buyers the typical response is that they simply say, "ooh cool."

I can see the two turbines from my home. I use them as an indicator to tell me: from which direction is the wind blowing, how is the visibility and based on the speed of the blades turning, how windy is it today?

If I may quote further from the Town of Hull website, "The Town of Hull, Massachusetts, has won the Department of Energy's Wind Power Pioneer Award. The distinction recognizes the Town of Hull for its "outstanding leadership in advancing the use of wind power in a coastal community". The statement continues: "a model for engaging the entire community to understand and move forward together on its wind power project, from school teachers, utility engineers and local leaders to state government, academia and industry."

Based on what they have seen occur in Hull, all of the nearest towns to Hull (Cohasset, Hingham and Weymouth) have Wind Turbine proposals in various stages of approval.

I hope this letter provides some valuable insights into one of the important solutions for the future of electrical power.

Yours truly,



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