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COMMENTS: I have great concern as to the slighting that the OPSB has done to the adjacent property owners of the Greenwich Wind Park by allowing the approval of a build certificate without following the laws that were set in motion to regulate these alternative energy projects. I live with my 90 year old mother who is an adjacent property owner and I have durable power of attorney to handle all her affairs both financial and real estate. It is sad that the OPSB seems to be above the law when it determines what laws it wants to waive on the behalf of the big wind companies. As an adjacent property owner, we have rights to and one of these is companies infringing on our rights as property owners and the destruction of our property values which means when the time comes to settle my mother's estate this property won't be worth a fair market price that was in effect prior to the construction of the wind turbines. The county isn't going to reassess the properties and lower the taxes but resale will be hindered not to mention the possible ill-effects wind turbines are known to emit on humans and animals. At the time in May of 2014 when I talked to the Windlab people I was told that even though we were in the project zone that there was no guarantee that there would be any turbines near us. I later found out that at the time of this conversation that the final location map of turbines had already been approved showing that there would be 2 turbines within 1500 feet behind our house and 1 across the road along with 4 more within eyesight behind us and 6 within eyesight north of our location. Who wants to look out their picture windows and see these monstrosities ruining the beautiful landscape. If these things are so safe then why are there none being put in the backyards of the members of the OPSB? Why is the OPSB allowed to determine what laws they are going to follow when authorizing certificates? How much pressure was put on the OPSB to authorize the approval of the build certificate for Windlabs in August of 2014 a month before the new setback laws went into affect. When state and federal elected officials are asking for a stay in the process due to the overwhelming opposition of the locals and they ignore this opposition for their own gain. The OPSB is suppose to take in all sides of the issue and look at them fairly, not just the side of BIG WIND. Since they ignored the waivers what else did they ignore. What about the sound decibel regulation? When are these sound checks taken? They should be taken from October to June when the Turbines are generating electricity not from July - September when the generators are idled. Everything we were told by the Windlabs personnel were all the benefits of wind turbines, at no time were the adverse effects mentioned. In fact no specifications were published to this day in any of the local papers to how large the turbines will be. Seems to me that

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Windlabs is pulling the wool over the public's eyes and tap dancing over the regulations in place. The law states that ALL adjacent property owners are to be sent waivers to sign on the setback, if the property owner does not sign the setback waiver then the turbine MUST be located by the regulation in place. It's my understanding that all of these turbines have cameras affixed to them. What is the resolution of these cameras? Can someone sitting in some control booth somewhere watch me in my yard? If so this brings into question invasion of privacy laws!!! Also we're led to believe that in the event of Blade shear that the blades will fall at the base of the tower, anyone who knows anything about the laws of physics knows this is not true, if an object is rotating and breaks shrapnel will fly through the air which can be anywhere from 500 to 1500 feet from the turbine. We also have the concerns of ice flying off the turbine rotors during the winter months, ice is much lighter than metal so it will fly much further and could damage structures on the adjacent properties/ Then there is the no build zone around the turbine which can infringe on what adjacent property owners can do with their own property. This is sad that a large corporation has more rights than the property owners who have invested in their property for years when the wind company is only leasing property and have no conscience as to it's neighbors rights. It has been proven scientifically that wind energy is the least cost effective energy known to man. There is no technology to store the electricity produced by the turbines to be used during peak hours so the electricity that is produced goes directly into the grid. Funny how they don't produce any electric during the summertime when electricity consumption is at an all-time high. The majority of our black-outs and brown-outs have occurred during the summer months when air conditioners are draining the grid. These turbines use more electricity during the three months they are idle than they produce in the 9 months they are in operation because of the electric brakes that are used to keep the rotors from turning. This is a farming community, how can an industrial wind turbine complex be installed without a rezoning for industrial use? As far as my opinion is concerned, I feel that all the adjacent property owners have been railroaded by the OPSB by their ignorance to follow the laws that are in place to protect the property owners, anyone else ignores or breaks the law and there are consequences, the OPSB seems to feel they are above these same laws.