

Date: March 16, 2017
To: Public Service Board and Service List
From: Bruce & Sally Collopy
Re: Swanton Wind LLC, Response to Motions to Intervene in Docket #8816

My husband Bruce and I are shocked, angry and dismayed to learn that Swanton Wind LLC would encourage almost half of the participating parties to be shut out of the intervening process through the Public Service Board.

To state that "The interests articulated will be adequately represented by existing parties, notably the Department of Public Service, the Towns of Swanton and Fairfield, Christine and Dustin Lang." I ask, how can the Langs represent our business Collopy Family Farm? How can the DPS represent our serious health concerns? They can't!

They further state that, "Granting intervention to individuals who are concerned that they may be able to see or hear the Project from a distance would lead to an unwieldy proceeding, causing undue delay, and prejudicing the interests of the Petitioner and other existing parties." It is incomprehensible to think that "individuals" who will be deeply affected by the noise from the project and in full view of them over a pristine natural environment that we've taken the lead of caring for over the past 16 years have no say because we are not within the abutting municipality. Yet, many will be as close to the turbines as abutters from Swanton.

Swanton Wind goes on to state that our interests in the value of our land and the impact of our livelihood is not relevant to this proceeding. What basis do they have for that statement? Our home is our retirement income. We pay a lot of taxes to live in this beautiful environment. More than likely our taxes will be dramatically reduced and will only have to be made up for within the town of Fairfield in other ways. We run a business from our home and the majority comments when people come to visit is how peaceful, quiet, beautiful and serene it is here. The truth is everyone but the Belisles suffer from this project but the Fairfield residents have ZERO financial benefit from the project. It is very possible that we would never be able to sell our home, we're not offered a buy-out. Let's not forget that many people on Fairfield Pond will be directly across from all 7-500' turbines, downwind, over open water, with prevailing south and southwest winds. We will suffer greatly and several residents, including us will be 1 mile away (or closer) from the project when you deduct, as we were told, the water surface for lack of attenuation.

We urge the Public Service Board to not let this proposed travesty of justice occur.

Sincerely,

Sally & Bruce Collopy