

My name is Dan Perron: I am the Chairman of the Sumner Planning Board and the Chairman of the Sumner Industrial Wind Ordinance Committee. We have been informally approached by an Industrial Wind Development Company that wants to put Wind Towers on Spruce Hill, behind the Village of West Sumner and Pleasant Pond.

We on the Planning Board came to the realization that without any Wind Ordinance, our Town was vulnerable to any such developers' terms. We need an ordinance. So, to research all aspects of this proposed project and create the ordinance we need, we have formed a citizen Volunteer Committee called the Sumner Industrial Wind Ordinance Committee or IWOC for short.

At this point I would like to say, that, although we appreciate the media coverage the Sun Journal and Advertiser Democrat has given us, we feel they have, on occasion, created erroneous impressions. The damage done to individuals, when the news service fails to cover events accurately and in their entirety can be substantial. One of these impressions seemed to be that the IWOC committee was in disarray. I can tell you that this is not the truth. As in any newly formed committee there is an initial period of confusion and there will always be varied viewpoints that need to be debated, but I can point to the positive growth and dedication and the many hours of work given to this town by our volunteer members. Despite any misconceptions amongst our fellow townspeople I assure you that the IWOC is quite solid and committed. We wish to move forward to the task at hand without animosity and, we hope, further distractions.

The purpose of the IWOC is to inform ourselves and the community and to insure will have the necessary ordinance-one that will contain covenants to protect the well-being of this town.

The job of the IWOC is to study Industrial Wind, its past, its present and its potential future from both pro and con viewpoints and learn about the possible benefits and any negative effects.

We have created sub-committees which are: economics, legal, environmental, legal, safety along with communications and information. These subcommittee groups study information pertinent to their respective areas and are tasked with bringing recommendations to the full Sumner IWOC. We are all committed to the task at hand and feel we have the opportunity to be thoughtful and deliberate in establishing the terms under which any wind development might take place.

At present it looks like there may be a small financial benefit to the individual taxpayer but some consequences to the community are: visual effects, noise, health, safety, loss of property values and divisiveness within the community. Whether you are for or against Industrial Wind, all of these and many other factors must be carefully weighed to develop the ordinance we must have.

While this work is in progress I would mention that all meetings are public, posted at the Town Office and on the Town Website. You are encouraged to attend any and all meetings.

The ordinance we need must have, as its objective, to do no harm to citizens and taxpayers but maximize the benefits to the community should the community decide we would like to move forward on wind development at any time, now or in the future

Thank You