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Distinguished Members of the Planning Board,

My name is Bob Dupuis. I live at 11 Morin Rd, Newburyport, MA 01950 and am writing to express disagreement with the proposed item on the agenda this evening: Zoning Amendment - Wind Energy Facilities and Towers along I-95.

While I fully support the City's need for a renewable energy plan I cannot support this plan and believe it should be rejected, due to a number of reasons:

- 1) The proposed area includes a number of wetlands, streams, and vernal pool habitats that make up a diverse ecosystem supporting various wildlife including birds, coyotes, foxes, frogs, beaver, deer, etc..
- 2) The area is also a critical area for flood and water management for this area of town which has a significant amount of development impacting both water management and contaminant filtering for the Parker River watershed.
- 3) The density, due to limitations noted above, is small in comparison to other possible renewable energy projects such the proposed solar array on the site of the Crow Lane Landfill.
- 4) The negative impact on highly utilized open conservation space (which I have used daily for 9 years and I have seen grow in use exponentially over the past 2 years).
- 5) The negative impact to multiple residential communities, including my own neighborhood home to 48 school age and below children, which will have an outsized impact due to the requirement of a 300' residential buffer which, I believe was proposed to be that small in order to make the site viable for even a single turbine.

I encourage you to reject the proposal outright and to continue to work with City leadership to identify more suitable sites for higher output/lower impact renewable energy projects, including through public/private partnerships.

Respectfully,
Bob Dupuis
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