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Hello deppa,

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Message:

Good evening, Ms. Boisvert,

My name is Jim Faro and I am a resident in the Oleo Woods community of Ward 5. I have called Newburyport home since May of 2012 with my wife and now three children who attend Newburyport Public Schools.

I'm taking the time to let you know how deeply discouraged and frankly peeved to a high degree I am about the recent proposal put forth by Councillor-at-large Connell regarding a motion to re-zone the narrow strip of land along the old I-95 N and Little River Trail area for the eventual development of a wind turbine farm.

Mr. Connell said in his own words that the idea came to him as a 'fever dream.' Are we at a point where the city of Newburyport is pursuing public policies and rather extreme zoning changes based on fever dreams with no consideration of public approval or overall common sense and sound rationale?

In a city where public land conservation is highly revered in protection of the natural environment, wildlife, and historic importance of our community, suddenly we're entertaining ripping down a giant stretch of greenery enjoyed most closely by a community of twenty-six plus homes but also by nature lovers from all over who enjoy the Little River Trail system?

Has there been any thought or consideration to the ramifications and negative effects this proposal would have on the natural environment that has been flourishing along the old I-95 corridor providing a magnificent natural buffer between our community and the new I-95? What happened to all the concern for the wildlife and several species of plants and animals within that area? How do you account for the undeniable rise in air, noise, and possibly aquatic runoff pollution that would result from the removal of the vegetation there?

Please keep in mind that the community of Oleo Woods was built by a developer who bent over backwards six ways to Sunday for approval with the town's conservation committee - adding three times as many trees at build out to offset the trees removed during development here. By entertaining Mr. Connell's proposal, are you insinuating that those efforts were all done for the benefit of the local wholesale tree nursery? And don't even get me started with the ridiculous 'rain gardens' that somehow reduce the effects of roof runoff water. Are all

these continuing environmental protective measures going to ever be taken seriously if you're willing to rip down the vegetation at the Little River Trail over Mr. Connell's 'fever dream?'

I could literally go on and on with the inconsistencies of this proposal in comparison to the direction of the town's stance on public conservation. I could also go on and on with the inconsistencies of Mr. Connell's message regarding the proposal and the processes he touts when pursuing measures for significant change that has the potential to affect our community forever. Please just know this, those parties involved in the decisions surrounding this measure have the immediate and unwavering attention of Ward 5, both it's leaders and residents over this issue. I trust you will regard that fact when you pretend to give credence to this abundantly absurd proposal that is wasting everyone's time and peace of mind.

Regards,

Jim Faro  
Oleo Woods Resident