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Subject: RE: Property Values

Any report that states that **any** values in Hull have declined due to Hull Wind 1 or 2 are total fabrications and more accurately described as outright lies.

I consider this nothing no more than NIMBY noise and it is totally hooey.

To my knowledge, the opinion of wind power lowering values has yet to be proved anywhere in the country.

The only proof is when actual sales are made at lower prices than very comparable properties without the condition of complaint.

Hull wind 1 is right next to our high school, and the sound is minute, especially when compared to the planes approaching Logan Airport, which fly directly overhead at an altitude of only a few thousand feet (less than 4 miles to touchdown), or the sounds of the waves hitting shore in Hull Gut.

The area around Hull Wind 1 and 2 both have some summer homes, which are closed up for the winter, but this attribute is no more concentrated around the windmills, than many other areas of town. (3745 single family homes total, approximately 20% or 684 of which are "summer".) To term either area as 'slummy' is simply wrong, and is more fabrication.

The period for applications for R.E. Tax abatement has now closed, and I am **VERY happy** to report that in my 17 years as Assistant Assessor here, this year is the lightest year ever in numbers of applications.

In addition, please understand that the number of applications stating Hull Wind 1 or 2 as reasons for over-assessment totals **ZERO**. In fact, we have **NEVER** received any applications for abatement with Wind Power as justification.

The reports of objectionable noise is ridiculous in the extreme. I regularly kayak within 50 yards of Hull wind 2 (each blade is 135 feet long) and have heard only a very gentle swish swish, much less noisy than the waves on the beach with only a gentle on shore wind.

The ospreys that nest within 40 yards or so don't seem to mind either.

I hope this will help Eastham stand their ground and proceed with building their wind power program. Someone has to lead the way toward reducing our dependency on carbon burning for energy, **let it be us**. Global warming greenhouse gasses generated - ZERO. And the lower electric bills don't hurt at all.

This actually has 'generated' only good news about Hull, and we are proud to be leading the way in New England in this venture. In about 10 days or so, we are holding the first public meetings for 4 more large turbines to be built on a ledge just off Nantasket Beach.

Yes, we have NIMBYs too, but we have learned that everyone is entitled to their opinion, regardless on how groundless it is. The proof is in the prices paid, period.

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