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Mr. Chris Powicki
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October 29, 2010

Chris –

I thought you might be interested in the following article on “infrasound” published by Dr. Alex Salt, who has taken a keen interest in the phenomenon of “Wind Turbine Syndrome.” His credentials are quite impressive.

This might prove a useful addition to your files in your pursuit of “fact based information” regarding wind turbines and their adverse impacts.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20561575>

Regards,

Eric Bibler

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Subject: FW: CIWIN Public Forum Page

Save Our Seashore
Wellfleet, MA

Mr. Chris Powicki
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October 29, 2010

Re: Industrial Wind Turbines – “Fact and Fiction”

Dear Chris,

I am circulating your response to my recent letter to Liz Argo to all of the original participants, per your request. It is my hope that Ms. Argo and the Board of Directors at the Cape and Islands Wind Information Network will publish all of this correspondence on a newly created Forum Page, since their express intent is to foster public awareness and education concerning issues relating to wind energy. It seems to me that open debate and discussion of the issues, presenting evidence and opinions that are both in favor and opposed to such initiatives, trusting the citizenry to draw their own conclusions from the evidence, is one of the best ways to further this process.

I don't know why the “display name” in my letter came up as Charles Powicki. I have you in my address book as Chris and, as you can see, that is how I referred to you in the body of the letter (attached below). My apologies to both you and your son. No offense was intended.

My apologies also for identifying you as a co-founder of CIWIN. I thought I had seen your name on an e-mail from last spring concerning the meetings that were held for form the group. This impression was reinforced by many other instances where you and Liz Argo were identified at subsequent events and from your involvement as President of the CIRenew Steering Committee (Cape and Islands Renewable Energy Collaborative), a different entity, which also includes many of the same people, including Liz Argo. Again, my apologies for incorrectly identifying your affiliation. It was an honest mistake – not the product of an over-active imagination.

One thing we appear to share in common is our desire to bring “science-based information to bear on decision-making” regarding wind turbines, but I fear that we have a continuing disagreement over what constitutes “science-based information.” It appears to large number of well-informed individuals that many of the “facts” that you (and CIWIN) continue to espouse about wind energy are no better than “fables;” and that many of the so-called “fables” that you attempt to dismiss are well-supported by the verifiable facts.

I don't know what source you are using for the quotation that you cite – the one that you prefer for me to use. I was quoting you from my notes of your participation in the Wellfleet Forum event on March 1st.

I do not believe that I misquoted you or twisted your words.

To the contrary, I believe that *several* statements that you made regarding Dr. Nina Pierpont's pioneering clinical work on the adverse health effects due to noise from wind turbines were grossly misleading, at best, and that, despite your protestations to the contrary, you did undeniably attempt to minimize the seriousness of this problem.

First of all, you did say then that "wind turbine is not a recognized medical diagnosis." Although this may have been strictly true at the time of the event, you might have mentioned that Dr. Pierpont had only just published her research the prior December – about three to four months prior to the event – so that is not a particularly long period of time for the medical establishment to embrace the concept.

Furthermore, this peremptory dismissal would seem to indicate that either you have not actually read and understood Dr. Pierpont's research or that you do not understand what is meant by the term "syndrome". Here is a formal definition of the term from Webster's dictionary:

Definition of SYNDROME

1: a group of signs and [symptoms](#) that occur together and characterize a particular abnormality or condition

2: a set of concurrent things (as emotions or actions) that usually form an identifiable pattern

Origin of SYNDROME

New Latin, from Greek *syndromē* combination, syndrome, from *syn-* + *dramein* to run — more at [dromedary](#)

Let's be fair to Dr. Pierpont. Through her meticulous clinical research, Dr. Pierpont identified a group of symptoms that the subjects repeatedly identified and reported as a result of being subjected to the noise from industrial wind turbines. Not all subjects reported identical symptoms, but, as a group, they identified a group of symptoms that seemed to recur, with varying degrees of severity, in different subjects. This is the definition of a "syndrome." Dr. Pierpont decided to give a name to this phenomenon, calling it "Wind Turbine Syndrome" – which seems logical enough, considering the cause of the disturbance and the recurrent pattern of symptoms which she identified.

I think that, rather than dismissing this alarming pattern of symptoms as "not a recognized medical diagnosis", you might have noted that many of the [symptoms](#) that the subjects reported – and which Dr. Pierpont noted in her research – may be considered to be medical symptoms or, as with chronic sleep deprivation, are universally recognized as inevitably resulting in serious medical problems.

You may also recall that you stated that there is "no peer research" to support Dr. Pierpont's conclusions and that, in fact, her work "has been pretty well discredited by her peers." Really? Could you please cite any sources to support this claim that Dr. Pierpont's work has been "pretty well discredited by her peers"?

As you must have known, Dr. Michael Nissenbaum has also done extensive clinical study on the adverse health effects from wind turbine noise which supports Dr. Pierpont's conclusions. Dr. Nissenbaum's work, like Dr. Pierpont's, is well-known.

Here is a link to Dr. Nissenbaum's presentation to the Maine Medical Association in March of 2009, a year prior to the Wellfleet Forum, summarizing some of his conclusions:

<http://www.wind-watch.org/documents/mars-hill-wind-turbine-project-health-effects-preliminary-symptoms-survey-results/>

As you are also doubtless aware, many professionals – including Dr. Nissenbaum and Dr. Robert McMurtry -- have questioned the validity of a recent study sponsored by the American and Canadian Wind Energy Associations (AWEA and CanWEA) – two of the largest wind industry lobbyists in the world -- which concluded:

- “There is no evidence that the audible or sub-audible sounds emitted by wind turbines have any direct adverse physiological effects”
- “A small minority of those exposed report annoyance and stress associated with noise perception.”
- “Subaudible, low frequency sound and infrasound from wind turbines do not present a risk to human health.”
- “Panel members agree that the number and uncontrolled nature of existing case reports of adverse health effects alleged to be associated with wind turbines are insufficient to advocate for funding further studies.”

Here is a link to the full AWEA / CanWEA commissioned study:http://www.awea.org/newsroom/releases/AWEA_CanWEA_SoundWhitePaper_12-11-09.pdf

As Dr. Nissenbaum and Dr. McMurtry note in their rebuttal to this study (see copy attached):

“Studies commissioned by Wind Energy Associations containing paid for results should not be considered independent. No original research was conducted, based on review of the literature a clean bill of health has been awarded. It is a low order of scientific evidence. It has not been peer reviewed.

The evidence may also be of questionable veracity since the recent revelations of evidence of the altering of scientific papers by Hayes McKenzie(UK). Just this week it has been reported that these very noise issues were suppressed in the UK to enable wind turbines to be placed closer to human habitation.

The most egregious finding was the absence of any need for further study. This conclusion is opposite from that decided by the Government of Japan who has recently announced the launch a 4-year epidemiological study into their “Wind Turbine Disease”.

The Maine Medical Association passed a motion asking their government for health studies as well.”

A copy of the full two-page rebuttal repudiating the AWEA-commissioned study is attached.

It was in this study that one of the AWEA researchers – Dr. Robert J. McCunney, unveiled his novel theory of the “*nocebo effect*” which you cited, Mr. Powicki, at the Wellfleet Forum. To date, I have not found any other researcher – other than the one hired by AWEA – other than Dr. McCunney -- who is willing to claim that the symptoms collectively described as “Wind Turbine Syndrome” may be nothing more than a “nocebo effect.” If you could identify a second source in corroboration of this fanciful idea, we would appreciate it if you could forward it to us, so that we can add it to our files of “science-based research” on the adverse effects of wind turbines.

Incidentally, if you attended a recent event at which Dr. McCunney spoke on the Cape, you may recall that when pressed how he could have failed to take into account the research of Dr. Nissenbaum and others, Dr. McCunney stated that he “just reviewed the research that AWEA provided” but did not conduct an independent review. Is that what passes these days for a thorough review of the available peer research on the topic – limiting one’s “expert review” to the research provided by the lobbyist that commissioned the study?

One other rebuttal to the AWEA study might be of interest to you, and others, who are interested in bringing “science-based information” to bear on decision making regarding wind turbines. This one is from Mr. M.A. Swinbanks, a professional sound consultant engineer with impeccable credentials, who takes issue with the conclusions of another researcher in the AWEA funded study – Dr. Geoffrey Leventhall – that “infrasound is not a problem” (see copy attached). In a lengthy rebuttal of this categorical dismissal, Mr. Swinbanks notes, among other things, that:

“Based on my own experience, the consistent reports of physical discomfort resulting from wind-turbine noise reinforce my perception that low-frequency noise can indeed be a problem. The reported effects are entirely consistent with those that I have experienced at first hand, 20-30 years ago. Low frequency noise can induce feelings of discomfort and nausea, not unlike seasickness.”

Mr. Swinbanks goes on to note several other reasons why wind turbine noise may cause serious discomfort and/or distress to those who are subjected to it.

In your remarks in Wellfleet – about the same time that you declared that the Dr. Pierpont’s work had been “pretty much discredited” by all of her peers, that Wind Turbine Syndrome was not a medical diagnosis, that only a small minority of people are affected and that some of them may actually be suffering from a “nocebo effect” rather than from symptoms induced by the physical phenomenon of wind turbine noise energy, you characterized this effect as an “annoyance.”

I find it interesting that the researchers in the AWEA study – the one funded by the wind energy lobbyists -- also use this terminology, and even states in its conclusion that:

“Some people may be annoyed at the presence of sound from wind turbines. Annoyance is not a pathological entity.” (AWEA study).

But it may interest you to know that the study actually acknowledges that people are experiencing adverse physiological and psychological symptoms from exposure to industrial wind turbines. It also acknowledges that wind turbine noise, including low frequency noise may cause annoyance, stress and sleep disturbance. Furthermore, the World Health Organization (WHO) specifically lists annoyance and sleep disturbance as adverse health effects and Health Canada recognizes that annoyance, stress and sleep disturbance lead to other adverse health effects.

Perhaps it would be helpful if you clarified for an audience that such “annoyance” is not to be taken lightly – and that AWEA’s own study acknowledges the presence of very significant health issues associated with wind turbines, even as it attempts to minimize their significance.

Do you agree that the conclusion of the AWEA study that no further research is necessary in our quest for “science-based information” on this topic?

And do you maintain that because the profound effects of Wind Turbine Syndrome – or whatever else you may wish to call this collection of symptoms – is only experienced by “a small number of people” – say, those who have the misfortune to live in close proximity to industrial wind turbines – that it is not a particularly significant problem? I am not sure that I understand what you were getting at with this comment.

What if a wind turbine installation – say the ones in Falmouth, MA, Vinalhaven or Mars Hill, Maine, in Michigan, Wisconsin, New York North Dakota – what if these installations “only” make a few dozen people miserable enough to abandon their homes or to despair over their new regime of sleepless nights and severe degradation of their quality of life? Do you mean to imply that this is an acceptable price to pay for this wondrous addition to the landscape? Are we to congratulate ourselves on the “small number” of sacrificial lambs that were impacted by our grand plan to install the damn things?

Just what exactly was your point here – if you weren’t trying to “minimize” the impacts? I would appreciate it if you would clarify that for all of us so that I do not make the mistake of “twisting” your words.

Finally, let me call attention to two other items.

First, you did in fact suggest at the Wellfleet Forum – quite cavalierly, in fact -- that Wellfleet installed three wind turbines on land, a few offshore and a few in the Cape Cod Bay that this “would be a good start.” My recollection of that moment is that an audible gasp went up from the audience – including many there who may have been in favor of the Wellfleet Wind Turbine Project, as proposed – as if you had suddenly taken leave of your senses. I point this out because I believe it is emblematic of your total disregard for important values that have been characteristic of the people of Wellfleet, Cape Cod and the National Seashore for generations – namely their quality of life and their concern for the preservation of the unique character of the Cape and the national park. Do you really feel that if your plan were executed – to surround the Town of Wellfleet with industrial wind turbines on both land and sea – that nothing important would be lost?

Second, I can’t help noticing that you don’t propose any solution to the non-scientific problem of what to do about the victims of this industrial plan that you advocate. I am still confused – and maybe you are, too – as to whether you think the hundreds of people from around the world who have offered first-

person testimonials to the misery that they have suffered as a result of having the misfortune to live next to wind turbines are telling the truth, exaggerating, or merely getting carried away by the “nocebo effect.” More important, what is to be done about them? And what should be done to avoid adding to their numbers by subjecting countless others to the same fate?

The preamble of the Cape Cod Commission’s “Model Bylaw for Land-Based Wind Energy Conversion Facilities” recognizes you for contributing “information, perspective and comment in the course of preparing this bylaw.” As I am sure you aware, the Cape Cod Commission is currently contemplating a dramatic change to its Regional Policy Plan to revise the recommended setback for any industrial wind turbine installations from the current recommendation of 3000 feet to a distance of one and one-half times the tip height of the wind turbine measure to the nearest structure (as opposed to property line). For a 400 foot wind turbine, this would amount to a mere 600 feet from the nearest dwelling or other structure. Here are the relevant minutes:

<http://www.capecodcommission.org/minutes/081910CCCminutes.pdf>

Based upon the “science-based information” at your disposal, do you consider this proposed setback to be adequate for the protection of any person whose property or place of work abuts an industrial wind turbine installation?

And, given your status as a self-described expert in these matters of alternative energy – and the fact that you have earned the respect of the Cape Cod Commission, which consulted you in drafting their original Model Bylaw for Wind Turbines – have you contacted anyone at the Cape Cod Commission to express any misgivings concerning the adequacy – or gross inadequacy – of such a provision?

Doesn’t our community depend upon people like you to bring your superior knowledge to bear to help them to implement such industrial development in a responsible, sensible way? Aren’t you doing a disservice to your community by failing to speak out forcefully on this issue – unless, of course, you consider 600 feet to be an adequate setback for a 400 foot tall industrial wind turbine?

Shouldn’t Ms. Argo – and all of her colleagues at CIWIN – as well as all of your colleagues at CIRenew – be rising up in unison to protest such an inadequate provision, given your superior knowledge of the significant “annoyance” that would likely ensue? Shouldn’t all of you – including, above all, Megan Amsler – be contacting the Cape Cod Commission to warn them of the substantial number of complaints that have been received there from homes that are located much further than 600 feet from Falmouth #1? After all, even the Town of Falmouth has admitted that a problem does exist and has recently been exploring a number of avenues to “mitigate” the damage.

If you propose to attend Forums and Seminars and to lead organizations – such as CIRenew – that want to foster responsible implementation of such plans, how can you afford to be silent when the Cape Cod Commission pursues such a radical change to their proposed Model Bylaw – the very purpose of which is to serve as template for all of the towns up and down the length of Cape Cod?

I don’t want to put words in your mouth or speculate on your motives – which is why I am asking you this question directly. I assure you, this is not a rhetorical question. I would really like to know your answer.

Thanks for your willingness to expand on your thinking on these consequential issues. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Eric Bibler
President

Cc: Liz Argo
Cc: Cape Cod Commission
Cc: Rep. Sarah Peake

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Powicki [mailto:chrisp@weeinfo.com]
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Eric –

I am not a co-founder of CIWIN, have not attended any of its meetings, and am not on its Board of Directors. However, I do support the objective of bringing science-based information to bear on decision-making, and I find it telling that you continue to twist my words. As you may recall, my remarks in Wellfleet focused on the energy security, environmental, climate mitigation, and economic considerations motivating deployment of wind turbines on and around the Cape and in Wellfleet, with health impacts addressed only briefly. Here are salient and scientifically supportable points on wind turbines and health, in short form:

- “Wind turbine syndrome is not a recognized medical diagnosis. However, a small number of people living in the vicinity of turbines experience very real health problems consistent with annoyance leading to human stress response. Individuals with negative opinions of turbines are more likely to suffer adverse health impacts. Thus, some affected individuals may be experiencing a *nocebo effect*, with outcomes influenced by belief in or fear of adverse impacts, consistent with clinical evidence linking mental and physical health.”

These points are not meant to diminish the problems people are experiencing. They may help explain them but certainly don't help mitigate or resolve them. Feel free to use these words—all of them—in your future communications, with attribution, but please do not assign imaginary affiliations to my name or take things I have said out of context. Since I was not copied on your original circulation, I would appreciate it if you forward this communication to the audience you assembled, preferably without comment.

Chris

(Charles is my son; thankfully, you do not have his email address)

From: Eric Bibler [mailto:ebibler@gmail.com]
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Subject: CIWIN Public Forum Page

Save Our Seashore
Wellfleet, MA

Reply to Liz Argo
Founder
Cape and Islands Wind Information Network (CIWIN)

October 26, 2010

Re: CIWIN Public Forum Page

Dear Liz,

What sort of e-mails have you received that are "unpleasant?" Complaints? Criticisms? Personal attacks? That is unfortunate.

I'm not sure if you're putting me in this same category. I hope not. I was a little blunt with Carl Freeman a few weeks ago, but I wouldn't say his tone was terribly respectful to me - and he didn't have any of his facts straight, either. I never received a reply from him when I invited him to disprove any of my assertions. Maybe he's still stuck on the idea that I lied to Walter Cronkite (don't worry - I'm over that one).

Why don't you just open a Forum page and explicitly state that CIWIN encourages and expects contributor to refrain from making personal attacks?

Isn't this your goal - to serve as a medium for information? To "separate fact from fable," as you are fond of saying? Or do you intend to allow only your "facts" to be presented -- and to treat all cautionary information and opinions regarding wind energy as "fable?"

By the way, have you ever glanced at the "comments" following any major news story on wind energy? You'll need a strong stomach if you ever do. It's a bracing experience, to say the least.

Typically, some lonely person may write in to say that he or she lives near one of the 400 foot industrial machines - notice I didn't say "wind farm," "wind mill" or "wind park" -- because these towering structures are, in fact whirring industrial power plants, taller than the Statue of Liberty, often installed by the dozens -- and then, my goodness, you should see the torrent of cruel abuse that rains down upon them!

They are instantly degraded as "selfish NIMBY's" (a favorite) - myopic, stupid, backward, rich crybabies who are too obtuse to understand that THEIR homes and THEIR health and THEIR quality of life must be willingly sacrificed, without protest, in the name of a grandiose, empty gesture that accomplishes nothing useful. The religious fervor of the Aztecs pales in comparison to the passion of some of these people. But I always wonder "How do they know all of this information, with such absolute certainty, based upon their anonymous testimonials?"

Have they ever met Kay and Richard Turgeon, whose house borders a beautiful cranberry bog in Plymouth - where Dick's boss is installing FIVE huge machines, at ridiculously inadequate setbacks,

that will surround their painstakingly improved, and meticulously maintained, home of over 30 years?

Is Dick's boss an ardent environmentalist, soberly intent on "doing his part?" Or does his interest stem more from the gargantuan tax credits that he will receive which, when combined with all of the grant money from the MTC, the guaranteed revenue from net metering and the REC's which he'll be able to flip for a profit, will deliver him a huge profit that is just too irresistible to pass up? In return, this bold opportunist – who knows a good deal when he sees one – will bleed a piddling amount of sporadic, unusable, unstable electricity back into the grid to make his revenue meter spin. It's illegal to turn back the odometer in your car, but if you make an electric meter spin backwards – without actually doing anything useful – the state has arranged to redistribute wealth from ratepayer surcharges into your bank account.

Is this the Invisible Hand of the market being applied to the judicious development of “alternative energy?” Or is it a sweetheart deal for anyone who is rich enough to own a few hundred acres, has access to grant money and has the capital to front some of the cost of these money making gizmos?

If the developer satisfies the letter of the law – with a ginned up acoustic study that squeaks by the antiquated – and shockingly inadequate -- state noise statutes and with his ability to comply with a newly minted wind turbine zoning bylaw that was rushed through the town just recently, when no one was really paying attention – should that give him a free hand to broadcast disturbing, unhealthy noise – and a periodic, intense strobe effect – over a vast swath of the community? Does that give him carte blanche to visit misery upon his neighbors to such a degree that, if similar wind turbine “farms” around the world are any indication, might cause them to abandon their homes entirely, out of desperation?

Do wind turbine opponents have a point when they – like the Old King's Highway Historical Committee, the Old King's Highway Regional Historic Commission and the Barnstable District Court – question the impact upon the historic character of the Cape? Are the historic landing site of the Pilgrims -- and Cape Cod's world famous cranberry bogs, preserved for all these years -- compatible with an industrial wind plant comprised of five 400+ foot wind turbines?

Should the Cape Cod Commission (and stakeholders on the Cape) pay any attention to the poetic verbiage in the CCC's guiding document, “Contextual Design on Cape Cod: Design Guidelines for Large-scale Development,” which calls Cape Cod “a unique and special place,” says that the preservation of Cape Cod's character is absolutely “essential,” cautions against “inappropriate development that is inconsistent with” the “distinctive pattern and scale” of the area or that “threatens this regional character and results in adverse impacts to natural, cultural and economic resources?” Or do industrial wind turbines – all 400 to 500 feet of them – merit an automatic exemption to these principles of historic preservation and appropriateness of scale?

Have you ever read any of these comments, Liz, and marveled at the seething viciousness towards people who say that their lives have been irretrievably threatened and degraded? Where does that come from?

Do the commentators care about Kay and Dick Turgeon? Or Mark and Annie Cool in Falmouth? Or Patty Spalding in Newburyport -- who was brought to tears explaining her plight in the House Speaker's office on Beacon Hill over the summer? Or Sally Wylie or Cheryl Lindgren in Vinalhaven? Why is there so much suspicion – and so little compassion – directed at them?

Do *you* care about them?

Does Megan Amsler?

What about Chris Powicki – your co-founder -- who told the Wellfleet Forum on March 1 (I was there) that there is no such thing as Wind Turbine Syndrome (whose symptoms have been confirmed by multiple studies) - and that CREDIBLE researchers - the ones you can trust - have suggested that these phantom symptoms are the result of a "Nocebo Effect". In other words, according to the empathetic Mr. Powicki: "They experience these symptoms because they go online and they learn that this how they are SUPPOSED to feel."

Do you find that convincing? Are you comfortable dismissing thousands of first person testimonials based on the theory of a "Nocebo Effect" which has been proposed in a study funded by AWEA (and no place else that I am aware of)? Is your colleague, Mr. Powicki, doing the community a service by telling them not to worry about those people in Falmouth - because it's all in their heads?

And do you agree with Mr. Powicki, who told the same Wellfleet Forum audience, that if they put three wind turbines on land in the National Seashore, two or three offshore and a handful in the harbor, "this would be a very good start?"

Is no value – none whatsoever – to be attached to the rights of individuals to enjoy their own homes, in towns where they have bought a stake, making the largest investments of their lives, and toiling for thirty years to repay their mortgages – month after month?

And is no value – none whatsoever – to be attached to the "special sense of place" that makes Cape Cod so uniquely appealing?

And are we to attach no value – none whatsoever – to the preservation of a national park – a fragile one at that – which was created 50 years ago, after years of heroic political effort – for the express purpose of saving it from rampant commercial and industrial development?

Is *nothing* sacred – except for industrial wind factories?

I'm sorry if some of these questions are unpleasant to contemplate. I personally find them extremely unpleasant - all the more so since I have met many afflicted people who are doing their best to approach the rest of their lives with a sense of hope and perseverance - rather than succumbing to despair.

These are not rhetorical questions: I really want to know the answers. I'm sure you must have thought about them all in great depth to arrive at such a passionate conviction about the shape of our future – which incorporates so many sacrifices for the sake of industrial wind energy development on Cape Cod.. Please restore my faith in humanity and let me know that you, and your fellow proponents of this industrial policy, have solutions to these problems.

Perhaps, at the very least, you can ask Mr. Powicki if he might recommend some form of treatment or therapy to help my friends recover from the "Nocebo Effect." That would be a helpful start. They've all tried everything they can think of, and nothing seems to help.

I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll copy Mr. Powicki on this e-mail – along with Sheila Bowen – the President of Wind Wise Cape Cod; Eleanor Tillinghast, the co-founder of Green Berkshires, a noted opponent of the WESRA bill and a long-time voice in the wilderness urging some semblance of sanity in pursuit of this initiative; Kate and Richard Turgeon; Sally Wylie; Patty Spalding – all of whom have first hand experience with industrial wind turbines and are currently in the iron grip of the Nocebo Effect; Sarah Peake, the representative from Wellfleet to the Massachusetts State House of Representatives; the Board of Selectmen and the head of the Planning Board in Wellfleet; Mr. Paul Niedzwiecki, the Executive Director of the Cape Cod Commission, along with a few of his planners; a handful of reporters who

have covered the story locally; and everyone else I know who might have an interest in your answer to these consequential questions.

When you reply to me, you can simply hit “reply to all” and this will enable you to furnish your thoughts to all of these people. I will also forward your reply to the much larger list of people who are blind copied on this correspondence to protect their privacy.

I’m giving you access to a huge audience to foster your outreach efforts. And I presume that these are the people you want to convince – the ones who are skeptical, and who still have questions – rather than the ones that already see the world the way that you do. You can’t ask for more than that.

When I receive your reply, I’ll also see that it is published on the Save Our Seashore website – and suggest that Wind Wise Cape Cod, and others, do the same. In fact, I’ll go ahead and post it right now to let everyone know that we have given you a chance to answer some of the questions that are uppermost in our minds – and that we are looking forward to your reply.

I am glad that we are finally having this dialogue in a reasoned manner, instead of dueling with you, for two minutes at a time, during the Question and Answer period at one meeting or another. I think that this promises to be much more productive.

Again, I would appreciate it if you would create a Forum Page on CIWIN’s website and consider posting both this letter – and your response – as a way to encourage the debate and the dissemination of information that your organization says that it was founded to encourage.

By the way, I notice that you keep referring to the “Board of Directors” for CIWIN, but that your website does not list a single person associated with the organization in any capacity. No officers; no board members; no members. Why is that? Why is everyone anonymous? If you are holding yourselves out to the public as an impartial source of information, shouldn’t you identify yourselves – at least the founders, officers, board members and other key people – and offer us a brief biography so that we can all see how impartial and un-conflicted you are? Isn’t that the customary thing to do?

It is my understanding that all of the founding members of CIWIN were consultants, lobbyists, alternative energy committee members, people affiliated with organizations such as the Cape and Vineyards Electric Cooperative and other parties with a vested financial interest in the further development of wind energy on Cape Cod, but I was hoping to be pleasantly surprised to discover some members that do not have such a rooting interest. I was very surprised to learn that the people who are taking on this important work declined to identify themselves.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Best regards,

Eric Bibler
President

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: Liz Argo <capeandislandswindinformation@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, 26 Oct 2010 12:44:59 -0400

To: <ebibler@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: CIWIN Forum Page

Hello Eric,

Our next BOD meeting is Nov. 15th. We will be talking about everything then.

I have to admit I am being bombarded by less than pleasant e-mails from supporters of Windwise. I am having trouble keeping everyone straight. I hope that a little passage of time will allow both me and CIWIN to become less the focus of attack.

Kindly,

Liz



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On Tue, Oct 26, 2010 at 10:04 AM, Eric Bibler <ebibler@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks, Liz.

What did you decide about posting my comments to your website? Did you have a chance to talk to your board of directors? What did they say about the idea of having a Forum Page to foster the free exchange of information for people who are interested in learning more about alternative energy and debating its merits? Any legitimate discovery process about scientific principles, engineering solutions and policy decisions requires open debate, dont you think?

Wind Wise Cape Cod is planning a meeting soon and I promised to report back to them. I am looking forward to your reply.

Best,

Eric Bibler

-----Original Message-----

From: Liz Argo [mailto:capeandislandswindinformation@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 4:25 PM

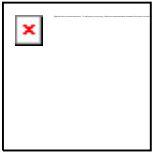
To: Liz Argo

Subject: Next Assembly of Delegates meeting in Barnstable is Nov. 3 at 2:00

**Notice of continued Assembly of Delegates hearing on the Cape Cod Commission proposed
Wind Energy Conversion Facility Minimum Performance Standards:
Wednesday, November 3 from 2:00 until 3:30 at the Assembly of Delegates
hearing room in the Barnstable Courthouse**

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