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**Subject:** Planning Board Members  
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DOD current policy is a no build zone within 2.5 nautical miles...Radar Base is less than that!

[Air Force asks Congress to protect nuclear launch sites from encroaching wind turbines](#)



Pam Spader Noll  
Brewer Rd

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Good morning Tracey,

I met with your husband last week and he explained the concerns and apparent deficiencies in the SEQR as well as the possible Article 78 challenge. Unfortunately, neither myself or Common Council members have any legal authority to intervene in the PCBZA process. Please understand that City Councilors recognize the significant opposition by neighbors and have made it clear to the PCBZA that they do not support the windmill project.

I will confirm that your questions about the SEQRA from September 2023 have been sent to the PCBZA board and that they are part of the public record.

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**Subject:** Wind Turbine SEQR

Good evening—

Here is a list of the the concerns that my husband and I had in regards to the preparation of the SEQR, dated 13 June 2023. As you can see, I addressed our concerns on 9/24/2023 to Chris Henry, the signer and included Barb Henderson, who works in the planning office, We feel it was prepared with erroneous and misleading information, i.e. there was no geo studies or hydraulic studies completed prior to the completion of the SEQR, along with many other

ommissions/errors/untruth. At the very least, what about the integrity of our wells, septic and possible radon exposure???? The FAA application that contained THREE WIND TURBINES, was returned for further study. If the input from the Air Force had been considered initially by the applicant or City of Oneida, it is possible that this may not have gotten to where it is today. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you might have regarding this issue. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas and Tracey Griffith

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Tracey Griffith <traceygriff@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wind Turbine  
**Date:** September 24, 2023 at 7:22:02 PM EDT  
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Board Members,

It has come to our attention regarding the SEQR, dated 13June2023, Responsible Officer is Frederick Meyers, and Preparer is Christopher Henry. Our first question is, was there input from all board members or was the information provided for the SEQR by the applicants documentation?

As we look over the Environmental Asset Form, how does Christopher Henry, as preparer, distinguish between no to small impact vs. moderate to large impact? What were the guidelines to determine this?

Before we file an Article 78, where a judge may require the SEQR be redone correctly, is it possible for the city to address some major discrepancies and either revoke/rescind/alter the SEQR to address the discrepancies?

There are numerous discrepancies within the entire SEQR where the same question is answered differently each time, (i.e., time project is being done and questionable phases).

1) Impact of Land

A-H- Why was this marked YES, when A,B, D-H were NO/Small Impact. Needs to be addressed by knowledgeable expert

2) Impact of Geological Features

A-C Why was it marked NO, we feel the answer to question requires geological/hydraulic studies before answering.

3) Impact of Surface Water

A-K Why was it marked NO, A-K needs to be addressed.

4). Impact of Ground Water

Why was this marked YES when A-H are marked No/Small impact. Please readdress.

5) Impact of Flooding

Why was this marked YES, yet A-F is marked No/Small impact may occur. Please readdress and explain.

6) Impact on Air

No issue.

7). Impact on Plants/ Animals

A-J This was marked YES, but ALL questions were marked No/Small Impact, Please clarify individually.

8). Impact on Agriculture Resources

A-H. Questions answered YES but individual items were marked NO/Small Impact. Please clarify individually.

9) Impact on Aesthetic Resources

A,B,D,E,F,- Should be answered moderate to large. Please clarify your answers.

10) Impact on Historic/Archeological Resources

A-EIII. Questions answered NO should be YES. Please clarify your answer to this question.

11) Impact on Open/Space Recreations

A-E The answer was YES but individual questions were answered NO/ Small Impact. Please address and clarify.

12) Impact on Critical Environmental Areas

A-C were marked NO, should have been marked YES. A and B need to be readdressed.

13) Impact on Transportation

A-F were marked NO, should be marked YES. A-F need to be readdressed.

14). Impact on Energy

A-E were marked NO, should be marked YES, they need to be readdressed.

15) Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light

A-F are answered NO/Small Impact. This needs to be addressed and clarified.

16) Impact on Human Health

A-M are answered No/Small Impact. They need to be clarified for concerned neighbors and readdressed.

17) Consistency with Community Plans

B-H questions are answered NO/Small Impact. They need to be clarified and readdressed.

18) Consistency with Community Character

A-D questions are answered NO/Small Impact. Please readdress and clarify.

Given all this discrepancies, we have come to the conclusion that this SEQR was completed by the applicant, or another unknowledgeable individual. We would appreciate our concerns be addressed accurately before we file an Article 78.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas and Tracey Griffith

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Chris,

Was sent the following to share with the board.

Regards,

Pam Spader Noll  
Brewer Rd  
(On behalf of)



## Oneida Neighbors Against Wind Turbine



Pam Spader Noll · 1h ·

Was sent this to share.....(nextdoor)



Sharon Fraser · New Woodstock, NY



A wind mill rep chatted with my husband recently. We learned some things.

Do you know where the energy produced by windmills here in central NY is sent? NY City.

Do you know that presently the grid cannot even handle the energy produced by the wind mills?

Do you know what happens to the excess? It is dumped.

Do you know that once just a few windmills are erected by one company, they can call it a project under ORES which gives NYS an end run around your local govt. Your town will have no voice. A windmill can be erected right next to your property and no one will be able to stop them.

Do you know that the companies themselves realize wind is not economical? It's all about business for them and the subsidies they get from the govt.

Do you know that your petitions count for zero?

A rep approached us about putting a windmill on our property. He scoffed as he told us the towns and villages can do nothing. New York State will help them get what they want. (edited)

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Mr. Henry,

Please share this letter with the planning board. I have included others on this email as the public has not been invited nor allowed to speak at any of the meetings. If allowed to speak, I would gladly read this to them and would appreciate an opportunity for conversation.

Dear Mr. Meyers, Mr. Bonville, Ms. Henderson, Mr. Hicks, Ms. Thorpe, Mr. Schall, and Mr. Tooker,

My name is Megan Rose and I live at 1685 Brewer Road. Over the summer I learned that New Leaf Energy has applied to install a wind turbine in my neighborhood. I am writing to express my sincere concerns. I hope you will take the time to read this letter.

I want to begin by saying that I am an advocate of renewable, efficient and green energy. As an educator, I have implemented and led district initiatives around these very topics. I have overseen an aquaponics and farm to (cafeteria) table program in a district that I worked in. I think it's wonderful, and when done correctly, has an enormous positive impact on the community and earth! We can all learn and benefit from renewable energy- when done correctly.

Unfortunately, this is not the case with the proposed wind turbine. In this case, the risks heavily outweigh the benefits. Some of the biggest risks are around health and safety. Due to their noise and light pollution, people who live near wind turbines experience sleep disturbances, headaches and concentration problems. Wind turbines are a major trigger for people who suffer from migraines due to the constant blocking and unblocking of the sun, thus creating a flicker effect. Speaking first hand as someone who suffers from migraines, I cannot have the ceiling fan and light on at the same time in my house. The flicker effect from the light and fan will trigger a migraine. If the board decides to move forward with the turbine, I am fearful that I will not be able to spend time outside with my children anytime there is sunshine and a slight breeze. As I am sure all of you can relate, not being able to spend time with loved ones at your home is a devastating thought.

It's not just the neighbors that are sensitive to light and sound that this will impact. The installation of a wind turbine will have an adverse effect on everyone in the neighborhood.

Families who live on the hill rely on their wells for water. When/if they blast for the installation of the base of the turbine, our wells could collapse. While New Leaf Energy has promised to repair any physical damage, what about the damage it will cause our children who will have to be uprooted and live in different housing while we wait for them to make our homes livable again? While we will do our best to minimize this, this will undoubtedly cause unnecessary trauma to our children.

The installation of a wind turbine will also have an adverse effect on the environmental conditions in the neighborhood. The wind turbine will be a death trap for our flying wildlife. The noise pollution caused by the turbine will impact all animals in the neighborhood. Many of our neighbors have personal animals and many rely on animals for their livelihood- including farms and a dog boarding facility. The installation of a wind turbine will hurt people, in more ways than one.

It is significant to note that it is still uncertain if the turbine will interfere with the local 911 towers, potentially putting the entire area at risk! In addition to the 911 towers, the proposed wind turbine could be a threat - not only to the local community, but to national security. The Air Force has said that the wind turbine would have a negative impact on their operations. There needs to be an extensive independent investigation into this before we move forward. The health and safety of our community, and country, is everyone's top priority.

Finally, many of my neighbors, my family included, chose to build our lives here because we love the tranquility and peacefulness of living on "the hill". We enjoy the sounds of nature when we go outside. This is not a free perk. We knowingly paid for this when we signed our mortgage contracts. Our property values will decrease at least 9-14% with the installation of a wind turbine. The installation of a wind turbine will handcuff to a cost we will not recoup.

Living on the hill is not all "rainbows and unicorns". Living up here comes at a cost. In addition to our taxes, we have more extreme weather in the winter. The roads to our houses are a little more slippery and the effects of the colder seasons last longer. We pay a price to live here, and we do it happily because we love it. Adding a wind turbine will not only be loud and unsightly, but it will rob "the hill" of its charm and loveliness.

Please do not allow New Leaf Energy to install a wind turbine. My family has every intention of living on the hill for years to come. Please do not make a decision that would derail these plans.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. If you would like to discuss any of this in person, please reach out. I would be happy to talk with you.

Megan Rose