
From: Grant, Kelly
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Flett, Dawn-Marie
Subject: FW: Vineyard Wind Cable Connection

From: Dennehy, Linda
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 10:46 AM
To: Barnes, Pam <PBarnes@yarmouth.ma.us>; Dennehy, Linda <LDennehy@yarmouth.ma.us>; Dwelley, Christopher <CDwelley@yarmouth.ma.us>; Erik Tolley <ETolley@yarmouth.ma.us>; Forest, Mark <MForest@yarmouth.ma.us>; Knapik, Daniel <dknapik@yarmouth.ma.us>; Lawton, Bob <blawton@yarmouth.ma.us>; Stone, Mike <mstone@yarmouth.ma.us>; Holcomb, Norm <NHolcomb@yarmouth.ma.us>; Post, Tracy <TPost@yarmouth.ma.us>
Cc: Greene, Karen <KGreene@yarmouth.ma.us>; Williams, Kathleen <kwilliams@yarmouth.ma.us>; Grant, Kelly <KGrant@yarmouth.ma.us>
Subject: FW: Vineyard Wind Cable Connection

Good Morning,

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Linda

From: Elizabeth Hooper [<mailto:ehooper@weeinfo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 3:15 PM
To: Selectmen <Selectmen@yarmouth.ma.us>
Subject: Vineyard Wind Cable Connection

Dear Board of Selectmen,

I am writing in support of the proposed Vineyard Wind project and its connecting cable that comes ashore in Yarmouth. As community leaders, you are on the forefront of our battle against climate change and the resulting severe storms that are now impacting Cape Cod beaches. Beachfront landowners and businesses and their insurance companies are already confronting these issues. You can make a difference.

The point of contention seems to be the installation of a submarine cable that will connect the wind power to our onshore electrical grid. During the Cape Wind project debate, (maybe because its turbines were visible from shore), the cable connection was hardly mentioned. Why is this an issue now? This type of cable exists in our oceans in many places, and by most all accounts the environmental impacts are temporary, occurring during construction and subsiding after the cable is settled below the sea floor. Why not earmark some of the financial benefit from hosting this connection to address real pollution concerns in Lewis Bay?

We must supply consumers with clean energy and erase our dependency on fossil fuels that emit heat-trapping, climate changing gases. Wind power will come to the oceans near our shores. If you do not take this opportunity to accommodate the cable connection, other communities will, and they will reap the benefits.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Hooper

From: Dennehy, Linda
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:09 AM
To: Barnes, Pam; Dennehy, Linda; Dwelley, Christopher; Erik Tolley; Forest, Mark; Knapik, Daniel; Lawton, Bob; Stone, Mike; Holcomb, Norm; Post, Tracy
Cc: Greene, Karen; Williams, Kathleen; Grant, Kelly
Subject: FW: VINEYARD WIND

Good Morning,

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Linda

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

From: Meg McNamara [mailto:meg@pagination.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:31 PM
To: Selectmen <Selectmen@yarmouth.ma.us>; Knapik, Daniel <dknapik@yarmouth.ma.us>
Cc: Betc McNamara <betc@pagination.net>; Mom <anne@pagination.net>
Subject: VINEYARD WIND

Dear Selectboard and Dan Knapik,

I am writing to ask for your help. As a resident of the Englewood Beach neighborhood, I have been attending meetings regarding Vineyard Wind over the past several months. In all the meetings I've attended on this subject 2 things have emerged as true.

1) From the tone of the presentation which I've now seen 3 or 4 times, I am 99% sure that Vineyard Wind's transmission lines are going right through Lewis Bay. Great Island has fallen off the map and they are whining about how difficult landing it on Covell's Beach in Barnstable would be.

2) Lewis Bay is in bad shape and has been.

My first question for you is: Where do we stand with Vineyard Wind?
Has there been a host community agreement struck with them?
If not, what is the next step?

I'm very frustrated with the way the last two public meetings have gone. In last night's meeting the first speakers occupied the airtime with lauding Vineyard Wind for how thorough they've been. But I have to observe that I didn't see a single Yarmouth official there (or at any of the 3 other meetings I've been to) questioning the safety of the project -

Are you folks working with Vineyard Wind? Has New Hampshire Ave been decided on? If so, will there be a requirement to clean up the bay as a part of their work?

I can't believe that Vineyard Wind is willing to put Lewis Bay further at risk in the name of an "Environmentally Friendly" form of energy.

My request is a Englewood Beach residents meeting with our town officials to discuss the status of the project and what is being proposed to mitigate further damage to our Bay.

Meg McNamara

From: Dennehy, Linda
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:08 AM
To: Barnes, Pam; Dennehy, Linda; Dwelley, Christopher; Erik Tolley; Forest, Mark; Knapik, Daniel; Lawton, Bob; Stone, Mike; Holcomb, Norm; Post, Tracy
Cc: Greene, Karen; Williams, Kathleen; Grant, Kelly
Subject: FW: Vineyard Wind

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

From: Meg McNamara [mailto:meg@pagination.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 7:01 AM
To: Purvi.Patel@MassMail.State.MA.US; julian.cyr@mahouse.gov; William - Rep. Crocker <william.crocker@mahouse.gov>; timothy.whalen@mahouse.gov
Cc: Selectmen <Selectmen@yarmouth.ma.us>; Knapik, Daniel <dknapik@yarmouth.ma.us>
Subject: Vineyard Wind

Dear all -

As a resident of the Englewood Beach neighborhood of Yarmouth, MA I am writing to protest what I feel is an attempt to jam the Vineyard Wind project through Lewis Bay.

After an extremely slanted — slanted in favor of Vineyard Wind — meeting on Tuesday night, it has become clear that the majority of public officials are in favor of siting a transmission cable in our already challenged bay. Vineyard Wind even admitted that Lewis Bay is a mess but they won't make it worse. If Vineyard Wind is chosen for this project, a very low bar has been set for a supposedly environmentally friendly project.

And, Julian Cyr, your letter in support was a surprise to people who thought you were looking out for our interests after the March 19th meeting. Clearly you've lost my future vote.

There was a chain of 'arranged' public comment by Vineyard Wind, while the public who would be most impacted were left to wait until quite late in the evening. It seems wrong to have called that a 'hearing' because the comments in favor were arranged by Vineyard Wind, and were all called first, edging out detractors.

At this point we are hoping that you all will think better of the project and defer it until a more sensible solution can be found.

I am asking that the town of Yarmouth step up and insist the Bay be returned to better shape before any cable comes our way. After all the talk of endangered species being impacted, perhaps we can consider the endangered bay as just as important.

Sincerely,

Meg McNamara

From: Dennehy, Linda
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:03 AM
To: Barnes, Pam; Dennehy, Linda; Dwelley, Christopher; Erik Tolley; Forest, Mark; Knapik, Daniel; Lawton, Bob; Stone, Mike; Holcomb, Norm; Post, Tracy
Cc: Greene, Karen; Williams, Kathleen; Grant, Kelly
Subject: FW: Fwd:

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From: JOHN LEAHY [mailto:leahymartha@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2018 3:15 PM
To: Selectmen
Subject: Fwd:

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

From: JOHN LEAHY <leahymartha@comcast.net>

Date: at
Subject:

As a summer resident of West Yarmouth for more than 50 years, I am deeply concerned about the ramifications of laying CABLES in Lewis Bay. We have always regarded the bay as a very special gift to be preserved. I trust you will see the wisdom of opposing this proposal.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Martha A. Leahy

West Yarmouth, MA 02673

From: Dennehy, Linda
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 10:25 AM
To: Barnes, Pam; Dennehy, Linda; Dwelley, Christopher; Erik Tolley; Forest, Mark; Knapik, Daniel; Lawton, Bob; Stone, Mike; Holcomb, Norm; Post, Tracy
Cc: Greene, Karen; Williams, Kathleen; Grant, Kelly
Subject: FW: Vineyard Wind Project

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Linda

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From: martha sawyer [mailto:saillemeraude41@icloud.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 21, 2018 11:29 AM
To: Selectmen <Selectmen@yarmouth.ma.us>
Subject: Vineyard Wind Project

As a resident of West Yarmouth, my family are vehemently against the proposed Vineyard Wind Project!Running cable through Lewis Bay is unacceptable! It is a very fragile area and is already at risk! Thankyou for listening! Martha Sawyer

Sent from my iPhone

April 22, 2018

To the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen,

I am writing to you to express my support for the Vineyard Wind offshore wind farm project and for the connector cable that has been proposed to come into West Yarmouth as this project presents a number of opportunities for Yarmouth and its residents.

Increased Revenue without Increased Taxes

The town of Yarmouth has the opportunity to provide more services and implement more projects without having to increase residents' taxes through the proposed Host Community Agreement with Vineyard Wind. As I understand it, the town of Yarmouth will receive up to \$1 million in infrastructure improvements and \$450,000 per year for the life of the project, as well as money provided during construction.

I imagine that trying to balance a budget is a real challenge for any town and I also imagine there are plenty of projects and town services that you would like to do each year but cannot due to budget constraints. By signing the Host Community Agreement with Vineyard Wind, you will be able to provide more for the townspeople of Yarmouth without having to increase their taxes. In addition, I imagine that it is becoming costlier to keep a town functioning properly for its residents as infrastructure ages and new complex problems arise, such as a regional clean water plan or adaptation and mitigation due to the increased potential for severe storms.

Thousands of Jobs in a New High Growth Industry

The town of Yarmouth has the opportunity to help develop the offshore wind industry in Massachusetts and can put itself in good position to take advantage of the thousands of jobs that will be created in this new industry. For years I have heard how we need to increase the number of full time year-round jobs but until recently, I hadn't heard where these jobs could come from. Vineyard Wind is offering 3,600 local full-time jobs over the life of the project, which is a small drop in the bucket compared to where the industry is headed. By being a partner with Vineyard Wind, the town of Yarmouth can have more impact on where these jobs are created.

Direct Benefits for the Community

The town of Yarmouth has the opportunity to directly benefit from the fund initiatives being offered by Vineyard Wind and can have an impact on how the funds are allocated. Vineyard Wind is committing \$15 million in an offshore wind accelerator program, which includes \$10 million to accelerate the development of the offshore wind supply chain, business and infrastructure, as well as \$2 million in a workforce program that will recruit, mentor, and train local residents for careers in offshore wind and \$3 million to develop and demonstrate innovative methods and technologies to enhance protects for marine mammals. Vineyard Wind is also providing a \$15 million fund to support low income households and enhance system reliability and resiliency by wide deployment of distributed battery energy storage. This will provide credits directly to low income ratepayers' electric utility bills.

A Chance to Help Lewis Bay

The town of Yarmouth has the opportunity to try and address some of the complex environmental issues that are afflicting Lewis Bay. This heavily commercial bay has been compromised by decades of misuse and wastewater degradation, which have resulted in significant water quality issues that are neither cheap nor easy to fix. Vineyard Wind has stated that it is committed to working with Yarmouth to determine how to contribute to improving the water quality. While the real long-term solution is a sewer system, we know this is a time consuming and extremely costly endeavor and could take more time than Lewis Bay has before the excessive nitrogen chokes all life out of the bay.

One concern I have heard from folks who own homes near Lewis Bay is that dredging will be needed to improve water circulation in the harbor and that the cable will make this difficult or potentially impossible. However, this is not a valid concern as the cable will not intersect the channel so navigation dredging will not be impeded.

In addition, a full environmental impact statement will be prepared in order for this project to proceed, resulting in in-depth studies of Lewis Bay and of other potential connector routes. The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) will ensure that the selected route is the one with the lowest environmental impact and so if it is deemed that the current preferred route is not preferred for the environment, they will recommend one of the alternate routes.

A Future in Sustainable Energy

Lastly, by partnering with Vineyard Wind, the town of Yarmouth has the opportunity to bring the town and its residents into the future of sustainable energy. By reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, we can move towards energy independence by getting our energy from the sun and wind. This is a win-win for Yarmouth residents and the planet.

I urge you to consider partnering with Vineyard Wind as it is truly in the best interest of the town and its residents. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Coedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "L" and "C".

Lisa Coedy

, South Yarmouth

From: Dennehy, Linda
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018 9:19 AM
To: Barnes, Pam; Dennehy, Linda; Dwelley, Christopher; Erik Tolley; Forest, Mark; Knapik, Daniel; Lawton, Bob; Stone, Mike; Holcomb, Norm; Post, Tracy
Cc: Greene, Karen; Williams, Kathleen; Grant, Kelly
Subject: FW: Offshore wind power

Good Morning,

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Linda

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

From: K. Aleksandrov [mailto:kaleksandrov9@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 9:09 PM
To: Selectmen <Selectmen@yarmouth.ma.us>
Subject: Offshore wind power

Dear Selectmen

I'm writing this letter in support of the proposed offshore wind project. My personal opinion and the opinion of many of my friends is that Cape Cod in general and Town of Yarmouth in particular would benefit from clean, renewable power.

Best regards
Konstantin Aleksandrov

K. Aleksandrov

From: Dennehy, Linda
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 8:47 AM
To: Barnes, Pam; Dennehy, Linda; Dwelley, Christopher; Erik Tolley; Forest, Mark; Knapik, Daniel; Lawton, Bob; Stone, Mike; Holcomb, Norm; Post, Tracy
Cc: Greene, Karen; Williams, Kathleen; Grant, Kelly
Subject: FW: Vineyard Wind Proposal Riskiest

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From: Arthur Warren [mailto:arthur@afwarren.com]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 10:36 AM
To: Selectmen
Subject: FW: Vineyard Wind Proposal Riskiest

Dear Selectmen :

Offshore wind should become an important source of renewable energy. Of the three proposals, Vineyard Wind's is the riskiest.

Please do not entertain Yarmouth's Hosing Vineyard Winds proposal.

The uncertainty of this proposal surrounds placement of high voltage electric cables beneath Lewis Bay. Barnstable and Yarmouth Officials have concerns about Vineyard Wind's pitch.

Neighborhood Associations, permanent residents and seasonal residents contest environmental insensitivity.

Vineyard Wind's proposal fails to recognize Lewis Bay as a major tourist asset and the gateway to Nantucket Sound from busy Hyannis Harbor.

Vineyard Wind should amend its proposal and, like its two competitors, bring its offshore cables to the industrial site at Brayton Point, Somerset, MA.

This location has been identified by a state sanctioned study as an ideal connection site to key power grids.

This would avoid inevitable costly environmental law suits, certain public outcry and further delay.

Remember, the Cape Wind Project was delayed and failed due to nearly 50 lawsuits over environmental issues.

Vineyard Wind asserts it is a Cape Cod business but is in fact a *Foreign Limited Liability Company* LLC funded by foreign pension funds and foreign investors. Its foreign parent company is an M & A holding company rolling up wind projects.

Vineyard Wind promises daily to provide extensive environmental studies, remediate all concerns, provide massive tax revenue, create jobs, reduce electric rates, subsidize low income customers, and repair damage to Lewis Bay and residential communities.

As experienced governmental officials you know that promising all things to all people is simply political posturing.

Vineyard Wind's proposal is not deserving of the trust of our federal, Massachusetts and town decision-makers.

Sincerely,

Arthur Warren, Esq.

West Yarmouth, MA 02673

From: Dennehy, Linda
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 8:46 AM
To: Barnes, Pam; Dennehy, Linda; Dwelley, Christopher; Erik Tolley; Forest, Mark; Knapik, Daniel; Lawton, Bob; Stone, Mike; Holcomb, Norm; Post, Tracy
Cc: Greene, Karen; Williams, Kathleen; Grant, Kelly; MacInnes, Shawn
Subject: FW: Green Community and the Stretch Code

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From: Susan Brinckerhoff [mailto:gsbrinck@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 2:43 PM
To: Selectmen <Selectmen@yarmouth.ma.us>
Subject: Green Community and the Stretch Code

I strongly encourage the Board of Selectmen to endorse all necessary steps to become a MDRE Green Community and especially encourage the passage of the 'Stretch Code.' I also support the Martha's Vineyard wind farm project. We need to do all we can to create a sustainable future for Cape Cod.

Thank you

Mrs. Susan Brinckerhoff
, Yarmouth Port

Flett, Dawn-Marie

From: Dennehy, Linda
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 8:44 AM
To: Barnes, Pam; Dennehy, Linda; Dwelley, Christopher; Erik Tolley; Forest, Mark; Knapik, Daniel; Lawton, Bob; Stone, Mike; Holcomb, Norm; Post, Tracy
Cc: Greene, Karen; Williams, Kathleen; Grant, Kelly
Subject: FW: Wind Farm

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Linda

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From: Peg Bateman [mailto:leninpeg@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Selectmen <Selectmen@yarmouth.ma.us>
Subject: Wind Farm

I support the Wind Farm project, solar energy, and encourage efforts to harness the power of our ocean tides.

Thank you.

Margaret Bateman

Sent from my iPad

From: Paul Cove <pfcove@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:57 PM
To: Purvi Patel; Timothy.Whalen@mahouse.gov; Selectmen; Grant, Kelly
Subject: Fwd: Vineyard Wind

Thank you all for reading this letter.
Read, digest and think, we all live in this world together.
If we work together we will get it right!

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul Cove <pfcove@gmail.com>
Date: January 23, 2018 at 8:35:00 PM EST
To: Paul Cove <pfcove@gmail.com>
Subject: Vineyard Wind

Ladies and Gentlemen,
From a resident of West Yarmouth, living in the Englewood neighborhood. It is with great concern that I write this letter. Vineyard Wind has proposed an 800 Mega Watt cable landing at the end of New Hampshire Ave. from a wind farm located south of Martha's Vineyard. Which brings a cable some 37 miles from the wind farm to its landfall. Along its journey it travels through some of the areas best fishing and lobster grounds and then travels through Lewis Bay. Lewis Bay is a shallow bay, which is very sensitive to outside influences. There are shellfish grants, clam beds, migratory, striped bass, bluefish, menhaden and many other species of fish, crabs, mussels. Also sea grass, creeks and spawning areas for the above species.
The introduction of a cable carrying this amount of voltage through a shallow bay will be detrimental in many ways, first, the disruption of the initial laying of the cable. Which will cause damage to the sea floor and its inhabitants. Second, are the unknowns of what this amount of voltage with its magnetic field will do to the sea life, will it affect the bivalves, crabs spawning, migratory fish patterns. Third, what affect will it have on another precious resource, human beings using the Bay from recreation, and the fisherman and shellfish grant holders for their livelihood. Fourth, laying this cable will preclude the dredging of any area along the path of the cable. This fourth could kill the Lewis Bay, with ever changing sands moving around the bay. It is very important to be able to dredge all areas of the bay when needed.
With respect to our environment I ask you to stop Vineyard Wind from devastating such a fragile ecosystem. Thank you for reading my concerns.
What better gift that we give to our children, than the unspoiled earth that they may pass on to their offspring.
With hope for our future, Paul F. Cove
West Yarmouth, Ma. 02673

Sent from my iPad

Dear Yarmouth Board of Selectmen,

I am writing to you today to voice my support for the Vineyard Wind offshore wind project. As I understand it, we have a rare opportunity on our hands to be at the center of the growing offshore wind industry. By partnering with Vineyard Wind, the town of Yarmouth would stand to gain millions through the Host Community Agreement, as well as through the different funds that Vineyard Wind is setting up. These funds include:

- \$10 million Offshore Wind Acceleration Fund to attract investments to upgrade or create new facilities or infrastructure needed to develop the offshore wind industry in Massachusetts
- \$15 million Resiliency and Affordability Fund to support low income households and demonstrate effective use of distributed battery energy storage
- \$2 million Windward Workforce program to recruit, mentor, and train local residents for careers in the industry
- \$3 million Whales & Wind Fund to develop and demonstrate innovative methods and technologies to enhance protections for marine mammals

In an area that is desperately seeking out new year-round economic opportunities, this seems like a no brainer. The town of Yarmouth could really use this money, and the new opportunities, so I am hopefully as you, as the Board of Selectmen, will do the right thing and sign on with Vineyard Wind. It'd be a real shame to see these opportunities go to another town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stefan Kostadinov', written over a horizontal line.

Stefan Kostadinov

West Yarmouth, MA

To the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen,

My name is Maria Todorova and I am a resident of West Yarmouth. I am writing you this letter because I want to express my support for the new offshore wind farm being proposed by Vineyard Wind. I've seen a lot of different opinions in the Cape Cod Times and I worry that we may lose this project because of fake environmental reasons being made up by people who live around Lewis Bay.

I understand that there will be a little disruption to the seafloor when they lay the transmission cable, but I've heard that this will be quite minimal and that it will have no impact on the long-term health of Lewis Bay. I recently learned that this cable route is the same as the one that was proposed for Cape Wind and that route was given federal and state level approval back in 2005 and was stated as the preferable route with respect to environmental impacts.

We are a community that will continue to be directly impacted by climate change. We have the opportunity to do the right thing here by approving Vineyard Wind's project. And we need you to stand up for Yarmouth residents and do what's right for our children's future.

If you have real environmental concerns, or other concerns, about the project, please at least hear Vineyard Wind out. They are offering us an opportunity. Let's not waste it.

Thank you,

Maria Todorova

West Yarmouth