

# Why would someone install wind turbines on Glebe Mountain?

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To the Editor:

I want to compliment the Manchester Journal on its well researched and seemingly balanced piece regarding the possible interest of an industrial wind turbine developer from Germany attempting to create an industrial wind farm along the Glebe Mountain ridge above the residential and farming areas of Londonderry.

Given your coverage one cannot imagine what any developer might be thinking in trying to come to a location where they are so clearly unwelcome and where there is such an educated populous that knows how ineffective and dysfunctional so-called wind energy really is.

One wonders what such a developer might be thinking especially given the realities that the two neighboring towns have Zoning Plans that specifically forbid such an installation, the Town Select Boards both have spoken solidly against such a concept and by a vote of more than 2 to 1, the residents of Londonderry rejected any thought of such a venture being permitted or tolerated on the ridge.

Research has vividly demonstrated over the years that industrial wind does not work when needed, is absurdly expensive, volatile, unreliable and damaging to property rights and the health of humans, livestock and animals that live in our wilds.

Add all this negative reality to the fact that Vermont has one of best portfolios of renewable energy in the nation, plus the problems of mountain erosion, bird kill, life threatening ice throw and the total absence of any long term employment benefits or tax advantages and one has to assume the report of developer interest, on the Glebe Mountain ridge, is simply a fictional rumor or a "fishing expedition" by a company that has done no homework and doesn't understand how things work in Vermont.

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