

Here are my comments for the Renewable Energy Siting committees:

1-We need to go full speed ahead on reducing transportation use and heating uses of fossil fuel. We need to understand that those are our biggest problems whereas electricity is a very low use of fossil fuel here in Vermont. No matter how many intermittent electricity projects are built, not one fossil fuel plant will be closed as those plants are essential as base load. Many legislators and others seem not to be able to see or hear these facts.

2-Trees are our savior in sequestering carbon. If they are cut down for unneeded electrical energy we are adding to global warming.

3-Towns need to have jurisdiction over siting unneeded electrical energy projects. Towns know their own landscape and what they need, industrial developers don't care.

4-The PSB process needs to be changed, members replaced or other. The PSB appears not to be following current law in considering aesthetics. And it seems to be beholden to developers and not hear what communities and affected individuals have to say. It refuses to hear that heating and transportation are our problems, not electricity.

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