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To All WINTAG Members;

WNTAG has been meeting for 6-months and is still waiting for more noise level measurements. The

deadline for recommendations has been extended into the spring of 2114. WNTAG has yet to

discuss existing wind turbine projects with site-specific complaints and noise level measurements.

Neighbors do not care about the difficulties predicting and measuring wind turbine noise. This is

for the noise control professionals and state agencies, which are responsible for protecting public

health, safety and well-being.

Recently wind turbine neighbors have been successful in the public court arena. A judge has found

that the Falmouth wind turbines are a public nuisance causing harm. The town zoning board again

has voted that the wind turbines are a nuisance. Falmouth town officials are now forced to restrict

wind turbine operation to daytime hours.

WNTAG's envisioned role has been greatly diminished. Well-intended recommendations may be

viewed as "too little" and "too late". Unfortunately, WNTAG was limited to audible noise. Well-

documented infrasound adverse human impacts are now being decided in court. Regrettably,

WNTAG, MassDEP and MassBPH can only come lately to confirm that improperly sited wind

turbines are a nuisance and cause adverse public health impacts.

Why are the 1980 studies about wind turbine noise being ignored? These reports presented strong

evidence and findings, with warnings about the potential for adverse public health impacts. Many

neighbors confirmed these findings by their numerous and vigorous complaints soon after wind

turbines began operation. WNTAG must respect the public pleas for relief and now a judge's

decision. WNTAG's mission is to advise; protect public health, safety and well-being.

Respectfully,

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