



November, 2023

Dear Friends,

When our group formed over a year ago — we had one goal in mind — the same we have today. We work tirelessly and every day to prevent Avangrid’s plans to land three massive cables from their future wind farm on Dowses Beach and to then run their cables for 6.7 miles through our villages. We never intended at the outset to engage in political activity. However, once we discovered that the Barnstable Town Council has the power to protect Dowses under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, everything changed. Recently, a few Councilors seem intent on denying their authority, and this makes us question their priorities. Do they work for us or for a multi-billion dollar international corporation that wants to turn our town into a giant high voltage corridor? When those of us in Precinct 5 turned to our representative on Town Council seeking his support, we encountered a person not interested at all in representing the will of the vast majority of people who live in our village and Precinct. We will always respect the fact that Paul Cusack served our country in the Armed Forces with honor and we thank him for his service. However, we have experienced words and actions on his part that lead us to oppose his reelection to a full term on the Town Council. These include:

- Calling the legitimate concerns of SGDB and hundreds of our followers “apocalyptic hypotheticals” and characterizing our sentiments as “victimhood narrative.”
- A recent statement in the Barnstable Patch that he has spent hundreds of hours during his campaign arguing with his constituents about why they are wrong.
- Welcoming the support of a Boston-based, Avangrid-backed “green” PAC to support his candidacy in order to influence our local election.

Barnstable needs a Town Council that has the courage to protect what is ours. Precinct 5 needs a representative on the Council to lead the charge. That is absolutely NOT Mr. Cusack. SGDB wholeheartedly endorses the election of longtime local leader **John Crow**. Were it not for John’s leadership as President of the Osterville Village Association, the residents of our precinct would have remained largely unaware of the extent of Avangrid’s outrageous plans for Dowses Beach, Osterville’s village center, and our residential neighborhoods. Please vote for John Crow for Town Council, Precinct 5, on Tuesday November 7. Let’s make our will known and reject the influence of outside interests. This is our beach, these are our villages, this is our town — let’s get out the vote to protect what we love about living here.

Sincerely,

Susanne H. Conley,
Chair, Save Greater Dowses Beach