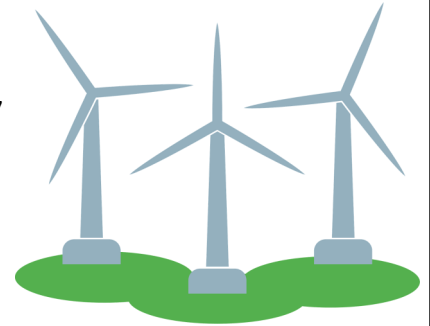


From the Deputy Supervisor cont'd...

Planned Wind Energy Project above Tully Valley

In the last newsletter, the Town reported a large wind energy project is being planned above Tully Valley (on top of Bear Mountain and down to Tully Lake area). The proposed applicant, Palmer Capital, is planning 24 to 27 turbines that are 600 to 680 feet tall. Sources suggest that Palmer may submit an application for a state permit around mid-2025.



Since then, the Town asked our conservation commission (LACC) to evaluate the scope and possible environmental and human impacts from the project. The LACC presented its findings at the July Town Board meeting. It concluded, based on the limited project information but also based on recent cases of NYS's issued permits where decisions were made about the State's acceptance of impacts, that there will be at least 7 adverse impacts: increased landslide risks, decreased property values, shadow flicker, harm to endangered wildlife, damage to nearby creeks, visual, and noise. Because of these findings, the Town Board requested a resolution to formally object to the planned project, and subsequently approved the resolution at its August meeting.

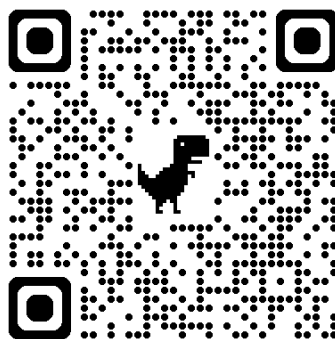
One of the LACC's recommendations was to hire an expert attorney to review the Town's law on large wind energy projects. The Town received the attorney's input and the LACC are currently working with the Town Attorney to develop its recommendations for specific law revisions that bring our law up-to-date.

Another of the LACC's recommendations was to meet with the supervisors of the Towns of Tully and Otisco, as well as with the Onondaga Nation, to share our findings. A meeting was held, and the four entities are currently working to develop consensus of our common concerns about the project, which we can communicate together to our elected officials and NYS agencies. The Town expects to begin the communication before the end of this year.

—Mark Distler

From the Southern Hills Wind Watch

We're excited to announce that Southern Hills Wind Watch will have a presence at the LaFayette Apple Festival October 12 & 13, 2024. Stop by our booth to chat with us, learn more about our work, and find out how you can get involved in protecting our beautiful Southern Hills. Additionally, we've added some new links and resources to our website, with even more updates coming soon. Be sure to check out www.southernhillswindwatch.com for the latest news. We look forward to seeing you at the LaFayette Apple Festival! Thank you for your continued support as we work together to protect our region.



—Southern Hills Windwatch

