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# TULLY NEWS

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## RESOLUTION OPPOSING MAPLE HARVEST WIND PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, a large wind energy project named Maple Harvest, consisting of 24 to 27 industrial wind turbines and associated infrastructure, is being considered in the Towns of Lafayette, Otisco and Tully; and

**WHEREAS**, each individual turbine may be up to 680 feet tall, those proposed for the Town of Tully would be located on Curtain Road, which is approximately 700 feet higher in elevation than surrounding valley; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2021, two acres directly below the proposed turbine locations (on Song Mountain and Hollenbeck Roads) exhibited severe subsidence and erosion during a rainstorm, demonstrating the unstable geologic conditions of the slopes down gradient of the proposed locations; and

**WHEREAS**, erection of wind turbines such as proposed would violate the Town of Tully zoning regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Town of Tully recognizes the potential benefits of renewable energy, the current permitting procedures under the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) supersedes the ability of municipalities to regulate land use decisions through mechanisms such as zoning regulations. Thereby, local governments have lost the right to directly address potential harmful environmental, social and economic impacts of such a project.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 11th day of September 2024, by the Town Board of the Town of Tully, in the County of Onondaga and State of New York that:

1. The Tully Town Board opposes the erection and operation of large commercial wind turbines in our community, along with the associated large transmission lines necessary to connect the turbines to the electrical grid; and
2. The Tully Town Board urges relevant county, state, and federal authorities to engage in transparent and collaborative discussions to once again allow municipalities, instead of the state Office of Renewable Energy Siting, to make land use decisions within their jurisdictions.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

## TULLY FREE LIBRARY

It's still business as almost usual for Tully Free Library, as we continue to offer services at our temporary location inside of the Tully United Community Church (TUCC). Our State Street location is undergoing renovations over the next few months, so we'll be here for awhile! Stop in to see us for picking up holds, returning items, and browse our small collection of books and magazines. If you need to reach us by phone, our number (315-696-8606) is still in service!

We are open Monday-Wednesday 10 AM to 7 PM, Thursday-Friday 10 AM-5 PM, and Saturday 10 AM-1 PM. We will be closed on Monday, October 14 for the Indigenous Peoples/ Columbus Day holiday.

Much of our programming continues while we're here. Story times take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM; Teen Time is on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 4:00 PM (our October sessions will be fall-themed and spooky!); Adult Programming hosts a book club on Monday, October 7, and a craft night on Tuesday, October 15th. Please check our website for more details and to register.

Our 14th annual Turkey Trot takes place on Thanksgiving Day, which is Thursday, November 28th. Paper and online registration should be available soon; please check our website for more information. The route will be the same, but we'll start and end at TUCC this year. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Ilene at [ilene@tullyfreelibrary.org](mailto:ilene@tullyfreelibrary.org), or call us at 315-696-8606. This is a fun, beloved community event and we are excited to continue the tradition from our temporary location this year!

