

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Tug Hill residents benefiting from windmills

I find Clif Schneider's letter very interesting about the windmills. When Clif was running for reelection on the town board last fall, he said he was open-minded about the windmills but yet he didn't get elected and now it is perceived that he doesn't like them.

Clif said he has been to the wind farms 10 to 12 times and everyone he talks to doesn't like them because of the sound and flicker effect.

This process with the windmill meetings has been going on for well over a year-and-a-half now. Through all of this time, if so many residents on Tug Hill hate the windmills, not one has written a letter to the paper or come to one of the meetings in Cape Vincent and said how terrible they have it. If it is that awful on Tug Hill, then why are they proposing another 60 windmills on 4,000 acres?

Another thing in Clif's letter is that "only a few landowners will benefit financially," but yet as far as I know through a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes program everyone in the taxpaying district of the Maple Ridge project has benefited: schools, town, fire department, cemetery and library. That sounds like everyone in those townships has benefited in one way or another.

If there really are 150 people in the Wind Power Ethics Group, then that is only 5 percent of the population in the township and 95 percent of the population approves. I guess the WPEG doesn't care how much money the town has to spend on this lawsuit and take money out of the taxpayers pockets.

As it says on their Web site under facts, that if you are a seasonal resident, you pay a large portion of the town taxes. They don't seem to care

about the taxes because they pay the majority of them.

In regard to Charles Harwood's letter, I didn't know it was illegal for his neighbor to park his van in front of a \$100,000 garage that was just built on his own property.

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