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Antrim Planning Board
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Dear Folks,

After very careful consideration, I have decided that I must resign from the ad hoc committee.

I was concerned when I saw the "charge" to the committee. To "oversee the investigation of, and to make recommendations for, comprehensive oversight procedures concerning industrial wind-energy generating facilities within the Town of Antrim" is a very substantial undertaking.

It will take a great deal of work to craft an ordinance that attempts to take advantage of the wind-energy resource in Antrim. It should try to work to the greatest advantage of all the people in the town while trying to be fair to a wind-energy developer and to the concerns of Antrim residents that would be impacted in any way by the project.

There are many technical issues that must be dealt with which will require knowledge of the advantages and limitations of various types of wind-turbine facilities. An extensive knowledge of fluid dynamics, noise propagation and numerous other disciplines will be required to adequately serve the legitimate needs of all the people who might be affected by a wind-turbine installation in Antrim.

I have no training or experience in the disciplines required for this undertaking, and it would be entirely inappropriate for me to attempt to work on such a project, knowing in advance that I lack the necessary knowledge and experience.

I feel very strongly that the engineering profession has a great responsibility to serve and protect the safety and the best interests of the community. I do not wish to do anything that would not meet the high standards that have been established.

Very truly yours,


Benjamin Pratt