

Paul Foley

From: Joanne Levesque [joanne@levesque.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2019 2:15 PM
To: Paul Foley
Subject: Re: Submission into the public record re DRI 688 Vineyard Wind Undersea Cable

Thank you for your correspondence Paul,

I should make note that I have attended hundreds of meetings over the last eight years relative to a variety of topics associated with industrial wind development and operations; Zoning Boards, Boards of Selectmen, Boards of Health, Planning Boards, Mass Dept of Environmental Protection and more.

One particularly discouraging element I've witnessed time and time again - when it comes to "wind" related meetings - is that discussions and/or topics are compartmentalized which can degrade the ability of a planning or public agency to grasp the entirety of a project's impacts upon the community. I do realize the recent MVC meeting, which I have read about via news reporting, was specifically to discuss the cable conversation. Having said that, I have to imagine that Dr. Parker was trying to insert the larger picture into the discussion so as to avoid what I call the "*tunnel vision*" approach to permitting / approval.

I fully understand the need to stay on topic - yet at the same time if there is no comprehensive review to assure that all relevant information has been revealed then bad and/or unexpected things tend to happen; this is exactly what has happened in the communities on the South Shore that I have become involved with.

As a general rule: If one is able to break a topic down into small parts - it is significantly more difficult to pull together a comprehensive overview and/or analysis.

Since I am aware that the Martha's Vineyard Commission, as part of its mission, is responsible for "*protecting, and enhancing, the island's environment, economy, character and social fabric*" my submissions are singularly intended to support the Commission's protection efforts. I do so with the utmost respect for the island and it's residents.

Best Regards,

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On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 10:43 AM Paul Foley <foley@mvcommission.org> wrote:

Joanne,

I have loaded your letter to the DRI 688 webpage on the MVC website:

<http://www.mvcommission.org/dri/summary/688/54553>