

## **Name a misnomer for group without ethics**

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It is bewildering to me to read articles in the Watertown Daily Times with reference to information offered by the Wind Power "Ethics" Group. Ethics is a key word. It implies honesty, morally principled and openly receptive to ideas other than your own. Regarding the most recent article published on Aug. 16, "Expert: resident can tape meetings," I wonder why a member of WPEG claims he is doing a service for the people who cannot attend meetings if he is only giving them part of the meeting to look at? This makes me wonder why the people who view his video would not want to know more so they can have a better understanding of what actually took place in order to have an informed opinion.

An article from July 11 mentioned a public forum where individuals were to speak on "living in a wind farm." The article said, "It was billed as an opportunity for people to learn pros and cons of what it's like to live in an area after the wind farm has been built." Comments made by WPEG members and associates indicate that only onesided information was going to be presented. When Cape Vincent Supervisor Tom Rienbeck, said, "Now my understanding is that if somebody wants to speak, they are not going to be allowed," Carol A. Simpson, responded with another organizer for the event and member of WPEG, "The citizens of the townships have gotten together and are paying for this thing and, yes, we have a full schedule for this time." Mr. Rienbeck asked if people from other areas living near wind farms who want to talk would be allowed. Carol Simpson is quoted as responding, "Uh, no."

Another article in the Times June 23, "New study disputes Cape noise levels," again makes me question the ethics of the WPEG group and their supporters when the independent consulting group that WPEG hired states, "'Using an inaccurate, elevated A-weighted ambient level ... allows wind developers to place wind turbines much closer to nonparticipating residents,' Schomer's report said." This statement alone suggests a clearly biased judgment on the part of the "independent" consultant. If WPEG professes to be an ethics group, then where are the ethics?

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