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Anti-wind folks making false accusations

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The Cape Vincent community must feel lucky to have anti-wind people telling us how we're so unethical. Once again some anti-wind people are criticizing our board members.

Most anti-wind folks are just bitter about not owning enough property for a turbine of their own. So just because they won't directly benefit from a turbine on their property, they'll do everything they can to make sure Cape Vincent residents don't benefit in any way from the wind farm. Anti-wind folks will probably try to block hundreds of thousands dollars of annual wind farm revenue that could go to the town, county and school district through the PILOT agreement. I know they're trying to play down the amount of money in the PILOT.

And so they make personal attacks and false accusations about our board members. All while assuming that if one Cape resident has the same last name as another resident, they must be related. Maybe if these anti-wind people lived in our community for more than two months a year, they'd have a better idea of who is related to whom. In their disrespect and ignorance, they can't even spell the names of our community members correctly.

Where in the United States are these anti-wind people going to find a small town where board members aren't related in some way to their constituents? Many Cape Vincent families have chosen to live here for many generations because they're surrounded by people they know and trust.

And when these anti-wind groups try to sue the town, thousands of dollars of Cape Vincent taxpayer money has to be allocated for legal fees. And then a New York Supreme Court judge will end up invalidating the anti-wind group's claims. So it all ends up being a huge waste of Cape Vincent taxpayer money.

Not only are our board members being antagonized by anti-wind people, but I also know for a fact that anti-wind people have told some local businesses that, since the business owner is a vocal supporter of wind farms, they won't patronize their business. I could name some local business owners who are at risk of going out of business because their wealthiest customers, some anti-wind people, are boycotting them because they had a pro-wind sign in their yard.

Wind turbines are now up on Wolfe Island. Most Cape residents have already gotten used to them, some hardly notice them.

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