

A letter to the sitting board

Good evening and thank you for having this meeting.

My name is Fred Capozzoli and I live a little more than a mile from the proposed site.

I thank you for allowing me to speak but I'm not really sure why. From everything that I am hearing this seems to be a done deal. According to my state representatives there is nothing they can do about this project, according to my town Council there is nothing they can do about it, and the governor that appointed you people wants this plant put in. So not really sure if anybody is listening to us. I hear stories that the taxes will be good for the town and then I go to the town Council meeting and that it is said that power plants are exempt from paying taxes so what tax money is there really going to be. I believe it is just the taxes on the land. There are so many stories and inconsistencies floating around it's hard to know what to believe. But I am here to tell you my story. You wonder why people don't believe in the government anymore because one part of the government doesn't seem to talk to the other parts. About six years ago I went to a meeting from the Department of Agriculture on how to take care your property. Owning 37 1/2 acres of land I thought this would be a good chance to find out different ways to utilize my property and make things better on my land. I met a woman named Kate Salyes who works for the Department of Agriculture and she told me that they were going around Rhode Island to talk to large property owners and asking them to keep their land rural. She was telling me that around the state large pieces parcels of land were being turned into commercial use and they were trying to reduce that. I started to work with Kate immediately put my land and the open space. I work with the Forester to created forestry plan which cost me in total about \$2000. My land is now in the forestry program. So on one side of the spectrum you're asking me to keep my land rural not develop it and then on the other side of the spectrum you want to take 200 acres down to put in a power plant. This in no way makes any sense at all. But I think the biggest thing that frustrates me is when I see people from out of town come to these meetings and tell us that everybody has to do their part. At the risk of repeating what everybody else has said at some of these meetings, Burrillville has done their part. We have two working power plants in town already, we have natural gas compression station, and that catastrophe that everybody says would never happen also already happened in this town. So when you say do your part I think we have done on our part. I listen to Invenergy tell us about all the places that power plants of closed or going to closing. I wonder why we not renovating those spaces for new power plants. Is it because we used up all resources in that area already, is it because of the land is so contaminated it can't be used anymore or is it just easier to rip down trees and build new. In closing I asked that you take into consideration of all things that Burrillville has already done for everybody else around us. Maybe it's time to look around have somebody else's town take action and be a part of this. I asked that you not let this power plant go through and let us live peacefully.

Thank you for your time.

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