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Power Plant Bullet Points—to be read 2016-03-31 BHS

My name is Paul Lefebvre. I LOVE BURRILLVILLE!

WE BOUGHT OUR DREAM HOME HERE. THE GREAT BUILDERS OF IT are here tonight.

In this month's Rhode Island Monthly, a beautiful photo of Burrillville appeared along with a long caption. Some of the caption stated: *Nestled in the northwest corner of the state, Burrillville residents value the country life, which helps explain recent opposition to a proposed power plant.*

I am an active Risk Manager, Insurance Agent, Realtor, and along with my wife, reside tenths-of-a-mile away from this proposed massive power plant—directly on Wallum Lake Road. My wife and I are not happy with this charade. In fact, we are quite angry, to put it mildly. A while back, I was awoken with a very low constant base rumble noise. I went down to the basement to check the boiler. I looked outside. I checked the refrigerator. I finally figured out that the noise was from the Compressor Station. Now-the noise is constant and absurdly loud. Who WANTS to hear this all the time??!!!

“To make a deliberate falsification for personal gain is the last, worst depth to which man can descend in work or life.”

- Dorothy L. Sayers

There is a Risk / Reward to everything in life. With a few bullet points, I hope to contribute to this discussion:

As Homeowners, we have a bundle of 5 property rights.

At least 3 of these are being violated. They are:

- 1. Right of possession.**
- 2. Right of control of the property.**
- 3. Right of Quiet and Peaceful Enjoyment.**
- 4. Right of Exclusion-to keep others from entering or occupying the property.**
- 5. Right of Disposition- to be able to sell or otherwise convey the property.**

As for Unions. I was a union member. I have two very close relatives that are current union members. This is not a union issue.

I am speaking with the following in mind: A great majority of property owners, residents, business owners, people from Cumberland to Exeter, and the 3 watersheds – Blackstone River, Clear River, and Leland Brook. I believe that I speak for people who do not like rattling homes, constant loud traffic, polluted air, light pollution, and of NOISE POLLUTION.

No one, ever. No one, ever—has shown a NEED for us to have this monstrosity here.

Today, I can only presume that all of you on the siting board are against this proposal.

Mr. Burrill was a good legislator, a statesman, an able scholar, and a wise judge. I bet United States Senator James Burrill, for whom our town is named, is rolling over in his grave at even the thought of this massive power plant.

Perhaps, our Governor is a one-termer, but if she pushes the power plant, she will never get to run for the office that Senator Burrill held.

Burrillville emphatically does not choose to prostitute itself for worthless and very costly trinkets. We either have our lifestyle, or worthless and costly trinkets. We do not appreciate this colossal waste of our time, energy, money, and emotions.

Invenery, please take these silly tactics of purposely late invitation notifications to already occurred meetings --to some other place.

Burrillville residents are not easily fooled. We are families that contribute and want the best for our families and generations to come.

And also--quite frankly, we are very disappointed that our so-called representatives that we elected to R-E-P-R-E-S-E-N-T us --and NOT sell-out on us. No weak-kneed persons need apply!! That is a shame.

We need those elected and appointed--to REPRESENT us.

The other evening at the Jesse Smith Library, two of our General Assembly members again stated that they need all the facts on this power plant before they are able to take a current stance or make a decision.

We all know darn well that there will ALWAYS, be another factoid that you can add to the mountain of facts....and on and on and on. You can delay your duty to help us until AFTER Gina Raimondo and her panel make a decision. That is the "SAFE" way to tip toe around and skirt the matter at hand. This disingenuous non-action is insulting to the people that put you there and we expect a modicum of assistance. The citizenry wants plain answers. Bold leadership is rare around these parts. Sadly--We interpret that as "our minds are made-up, do not confuse us with the facts".

Your silence is deafening. Your Silence IS Consent! We need our elected representatives to be vigilant, have a small amount of courage, and have a lot of integrity.

Aside from the temporary union jobs, where are the Pro-Power Plant Residents? Does this not speak to the absurdity of even contemplating this façade and all of the accompanying shenanigans this sham brings?

I am not the type of man that will be first in line to bang the drum for hurting the natural habitat of the Dodo bird. I am, though, a man that will speak up loudly for harming health, lives, economy, and environment.

To make us jump through all these hoops is unconscionable. We have long memories. As a REALTOR...This is WAY beyond detrimental real estate effects. Real Estate values ALREADY negatively affected.

We are talking about lifestyle and health issues. Grave issues.

Many of us feel that the State Energy Facility Siting Board should be comprised of at least 6 or 7 members. I hope that this message gets to Gina Raimondo.

22 jobs and generations of harm. Is the "fix" in? I pray that it is not.

"People sell their soul in such small quantities - a seemingly trivial compromise here, a rationalization of a minor evil there - that they don't realize what they're doing until it is too late."

— Mike Klepper

When Lincoln, RI attracted and welcomed AMICA to locate there, that was an example of a wonderful, clean, non-polluting, tax-paying industry that Burrillville would welcome. Not this

With using the polluted water for this power plant, and with all the evaporation, perhaps the only private entity that would welcome this project would be a branch of a Seattle raincoat, umbrella, and galoshes store.

This is a big deal that should never have been attempted to be foisted upon us.

I shall end on an old Cree Indian Proverb:

Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money.

They also appreciate lingerie over sporting equipment; twice as many residents shopped at Victoria's Secret as Sports Authority.

■ ■ ■ CRANSTON/ PROVIDENCE

02905 (Pawtuxet Village, Edgewood, Washington Park, parts of Fox Point, South Providence, South Elmwood)

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■ ■ ■ CRANSTON (WESTERN)

2015 POPULATION (02921): **12,558**

MEDIAN AGE: **44.1**

MEDIAN HOME VALUE: **\$270,813**

MEDIAN DISPOSABLE INCOME: **\$73,548**

Dotted with farms and country clubs, the population of western Cranston is nearly all well-off Savvy Suburbanites with some Comfortable Empty Nesters sprinkled in. Rural living makes them practical; a handful more households bought or leased a Ford over a Toyota in the past year and 35 percent belong to AAA. Western Cranston residents are also generous with their time; 21 percent of adults volunteered for a charitable organization over the past year. They also enjoy their yards: More than 42 percent have a garden and they favor walk-behind gas mowers over tractors.

■ ■ ■ CUMBERLAND

2015 POPULATION: **33,933**

MEDIAN AGE: **43.7**

MEDIAN HOME VALUE: **\$234,419**

MEDIAN DISPOSABLE INCOME: **\$57,216**

Cumberland's rustic miles in northern Rhode Island are dominated by Parks and Rec types, followed by Savvy Suburbanites and Comfortable Empty Nesters, with Home Improvement, In Style, Golden Years, Bright Young Professionals, Small Town Simplicity and Front Porches rounding out the population. Cumberland residents are civically engaged, with nearly 50 percent voting in an election over the past twelve months, just shy of the number of adults who bought athletic shoes over the last year. They're looking forward to retirement if they're not already there, with more than 9,000 adults invested in a 401(k) or an IRA. And Cumberlandites were nearly six times

more likely to give money to religious organizations as political groups.

■ ■ ■ EAST GREENWICH

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■ ■ ■ EAST PROVIDENCE

2015 POPULATION: **49,031**

MEDIAN AGE: **43.5**

MEDIAN HOME VALUE: **\$190,775**

MEDIAN DISPOSABLE INCOME: **\$40,231**

This diverse East Bay city is more than half populated by Parks and Rec, practical suburban types, followed by Front Porches, young families who often rent and work in blue-collar jobs. Senior citizens make up the next largest group, while the city also includes wealthier residents in the Rumford and Riverside areas. Nearly three times as many Townies opted for domestic cars over imported, choosing Fords nearly twice as often as Hondas. Thirty percent liked to play



■ ■ ■ BURRILLVILLE

Nestled in the northwest corner of the state, Burrillville residents value the country life, which helps explain some recent opposition to a proposed natural gas power plant. Filled with Parks and Rec and Green Acres types, followed by the young married Home Improvement families, they're practical: More than a quarter of adults had their brakes worked on over the past six months. And by more than two to one, they prefer to exercise at home over a club, with treadmill ownership edging out stationary bikes and ellipticals. Burrillville's proximity to Connecticut and Massachusetts may play a role in what they do for fun: nearly four times as many adults gambled at a casino as participated in a fantasy football league.

2015 POPULATION: **16,423**

MEDIAN AGE: **44.2**

MEDIAN HOME VALUE: **\$202,213**

MEDIAN DISPOSABLE INCOME: **\$55,203**

games on the Internet, but just 651 residents logged on for love through online dating. As for recreation, roughly the same number of residents had gone bowling, running or freshwater fishing over the past six months.

■ ■ ■ EXETER

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■ ■ ■ FOSTER

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■ ■ ■ GLOCESTER

2015 POPULATION: **10,022**

MEDIAN AGE: **46.8**

MEDIAN HOME VALUE: **\$217,917**

MEDIA DISPOSABLE INCOME: **\$62,927**

With about 5,000 more people than Foster, its snow-day counterpart, Gloucester residents share a love of bucolic life with their neighbors. Nearly three quarters are Green Acres and Comfortable Empty Nesters,