



# VERMONT COMMUNITY WIND

Clean Power, Made & Used Here

## What can I do to help?

- **Form and join a wind power support committee:** Opponents are organized and funded. If you disagree with their agenda, you need to get organized as well so that community leaders, the media, townspeople and regulators know that the opponents do not speak for everyone.
- **Learn the facts about wind power and VCWF:** A great deal of misinformation has been printed in letters to the editor, ‘newsletters’ mailed to townspeople, public statements, web sites and rumors. An informed decision on this project requires replacing fears with facts. Read newspaper articles – not just letters or commentaries. When questionable statements are made by anyone – opponents or the developers – ask for the sources and check them out. Do your homework!
- **Attend a meeting:** Public meetings have included both supporters and opponents but the opponents have dominated the discussion. It can be intimidating to offer a contrary perspective among neighbors when emotions run high, but it can help if you attend with a group of like-minded folks knowing that others will speak up as well. State your reasons calmly and avoid getting into a ‘debate’ with opponents.
- **Write a letter to the editor:** Opponents have filled the letters page with statements against the project. If you are so inclined, consider offering the readers your reasons for supporting it. Keep it short (no more than 300 words – fewer is better) and keep it positive – why do you personally think the wind farm is a good thing? Letters can be submitted via the internet at the link below or by regular mail to: Letters to the Editor, Rutland Herald, P.O. Box 668, Rutland, VT 05702-0668. <http://www.rutlandherald.com/section/SERVICES07>
- **Discuss the project with people you know:** Many folks rely most heavily on the views and opinions of people they know and respect when deciding where they stand on an issue. Don’t be afraid to share your views and what you have learned with family, friends and neighbors.