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Located in Camden, Rockport and Hope, Maine

**Wind on Ragged Mountain Timeline:**

**July 27, 2010.** Dorie learned by accident about Camden's Energy Committee.

**August, 2010.** learned from Camden's Town Manager about this Energy Committee's discussions regarding the potential to build 7) 450' tall turbines atop Ragged Mountain. The Energy Committee further recommended the formation of a 3-Town (Camden, Rockport and Hope) Wind Workgroup to raise \$50-75K for a feasibility study (among other things) to determine *if* and *how* this dream of the Committee could be realized, and how to promote this idea.

**In 2008,** Camden had already paid \$5,000 to George Baker and Rockland's Island Institute to have a Massachusetts college install and monitor 2 wind meters on the Ragged Mountain cell tower to determine this location's suitability for wind development. The meters were frozen and out of commission during the most critical winter quarter of the data-gathering period, so the data was calculated based on another meter--*at sea level*. Ragged Mountain rises 900' above sea level.

**Aug. 2010.** Friends of Ragged Mountain formed and mobilized by gathering signatures and inviting all to attend a Select Board meeting to express their concerns about industrial wind development in this residential and recreational area. Public concerns were heightened as we learned daily about the experiences of those towns that preceded us such as Dixmont, Jackson, Montville and Thorndike. *Thanks to all of you who and your efforts.*

**Sept. 2010.** Friends of Ragged Mountain now had about 350 members from Camden, Rockport, Hope and beyond, including many who frequent the Snow Bowl ski area and hike the trails. Friends participated in almost every Select Board meeting in Camden, Rockport and in Hope between August and October 2010, in an effort to educate our community and those public representatives about the effects of industrial wind turbine development.

**Oct. 26, 2010.** in Camden, the Select Board voted 5-0 to "set aside and take no action" on the Energy Committee's recommendation to create a 3-Town Wind Workgroup." This essentially stopped the process at this point.

The towns of Camden, Rockport and Hope now have the opportunity to draft protective Wind Ordinances with the assistance of the Friends of Ragged Mountain. Camden's Town Attorney William Kelly also participated in drafting Ordinances for Jackson, Rumford, North Port, Freedom, Belfast, Dixmont, Montville, and the Maine Model.

Please visit our website to keep appraised of our progress.

Friends of Ragged Mountain are forever in your debt. We thank you sincerely.

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