

Oct 18, 2018
State to Town of Ulster Town Board

Good evening. My name is Eileen Murphy. I live in the town of Ulster and I am speaking tonight for 3 minutes as a member of the TownofUlsterCitizens.org and, as a resident of the town of Ulster against Glide Path AKA Lincoln Park Grid Support Center, proposed for the town of Ulster.

I have been against this potential power plant since I learned of the dangerous Carbon Dioxide emissions it could deliver to our air. My concern for the local air, has been heightened by the most recent report by the United Nations - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change regarding Global warming.

For example, this report, conducted by 40 nations, 100 scientists, and 6000 references states 'the carbon emissions amount to 40 billion tons a year', which causes global warming.

WE CANNOT ADD TO THAT!

Locally, Glide Path's Gas Peaker Project is projected to add 800- 850 lbs of carbon dioxide to our precious Ulster County air!

There are many facts and figures to add, 34 pages of scientific proof that our continued reliance on fossil fuel power will compromise our planet further.

As an alternative why not engage Glide Path in building a project that utilizes sustainable renewables, which is their business?

The Town board and the TownofUlsterCitizens.org could be a joint venture to fight this Goliath, Glide Path Gas Peaker Project, which plans to descend on the Hudson Valley G-zone and leave a carbon footprint, damaging humans and the eco-system it portends to rest upon.

This could be a worthy fight! This could be an opportunity for us, the town residents, the Supervisor and the board to stake our claim to renewables by NOT adding carbon emissions to the current 40 million tons per year. One example of many, to a local impact would be increased health issues for residents, some of whom might work for the town, potentially impacting health insurance costs for the town.

So it is not only global- it could be local as well.

In closing, I thank you for your time and attention to the TownofUlsterCitizens.org issue.

To end I quote Senator John McCain, who spoke his truth to all even as he approached death....

'.....no thing in life is more liberating than to fight for a cause that is larger than yourself....'