

Hello, my name is Matt O'Farrell and I am a member of the local community. I would like to thank all of you for coming here today.

There was some controversy regarding this gym we are in because it required a vote on a tax opt out to pay for it. It passed and property taxes were raised. For the average home owner, the increase was minimal. For the land owner this increase was substantial.

Some of these land owners were already struggling financially and the added taxes worsened their situation. ~~The vote passed so they had to figure it out.~~

I'm not here to complain about the property taxes or the gym. I like the gym, my daughter attends school here, and it is a benefit to our kids and the community.

My point is this. ~~The community voted to raise taxes.~~ The tax increase had the biggest impact on landowners. These same landowners could benefit financially from wind power ~~and some people in the community are against it.~~

I agree there are some downfalls to wind power but the advantages by far out way the disadvantages. I support wind power and I think the land owner should have the right to install wind turbines on his land if he wants to.

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