Walter Cudnohufsky as adjunct to the Ashfield Wind Advisory Committee submits this minority report for Noise setbacks for our proposed wind by laws. 6.21.11 (Also endorsed by Andy Wells)

The ample mounting evidence discussed at our many meeting shows that many people will assuredly have their health affected by turbine noise up to 1.25-1.5 miles …. sometimes further.

I (we) respectfully request and then strongly recommend a 1.25 mile setback from any habitable residence in Ashfield.

The Committee's currently proposed 3,400 feet setback is included by my participation in the extended discussion. This in my view is largely a political compromise so that Ashfield does not "appear to be" banning industrial wind. I do not believe it a legitimate issue for compromise. Given choice it appears that at least three of the committee would have voted for the greater setbacks.

In a town as quiet as Ashfield (low 20's DBA) with predictable rock and hard ground surfaces for sound reflection and certainly during the four frozen months, a proportionally lower more stringent noise standard and greater setback distances are necessary to exercise the "precautionary principle." The Advisory Committee took its task seriously but in the end I feel compromised on this irrefutable worldwide now corroborated need for a greater setback.

My investigation and Ashfield mapping confirms that a 1.25 (2KM) setback would make industrial (not local wind), difficult except by purchased noise waivers. But it does not rule industrial wind out wile protecting non participating citizens.

We simple must put citizen's health first!

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Walter Cudnohufsky and Andrew Wells