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Acton does not want BESS installations

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

The residents of Acton do not want BESS installations in our community because of the serious consequences they cause, i.e.

1. Their presence will cause devaluation of homes
2. They will affect our ability to obtain fire insurance and increase our fire premiums
3. There is no way for residents who experience these financial losses to seek compensation for their losses.

In addition:

These installations are known to catch fire, either through their own spontaneous combustion or through adjacent fires. Acton is located in a High Fire Hazard Severity Zone so the danger of fire is exponentially increased. The high winds of the east Acton area, where the installation is proposed for location, increase the danger of Acton's residents being exposed to the highly toxic fumes released during a fire. There is no amount of money that can reverse Acton resident's loss of health due to breathing toxic Lithium Iron Phosphate fumes during a fire. Sure, they'll say if there is a fire, residents will be evacuated. What about the ones who have no means to evacuate. What about the amounts of toxic fumes already inhaled before we are even notified of the fire?

It is, therefore, contrary to common sense to allow the location of a huge battery storage facility so close to our homes. I feel as though the developer is asking for free rein to trample on and ignore Acton's resident's concerns about having to live in fear of the potential dangers of this facility.

If approved:

It will forever change the rural character of our community, the very reason those who live here want to live in Acton. The 1,150 Million watts of energy that the 70 acres of batteries will store won't even be available for use in Acton. If they aren't going to serve any purpose for Acton, why expose the community to their hidden dangers?

Acton does not want BESS in our community!