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## **Prairie Song BESS project**

Hello, I am an educator and resident in Acton, who is strongly opposed to this, and all Lithium BESS project developments in Acton. Regardless of any reassurance that will be offered regarding the supposed safety of such developments, the following facts remain unchanged: Lithium BESS are unstable and volatile. Acton is a very high fire risk zone, subject to high winds. As a homeowner with livestock, it will be impossible for me to stay indoors and seal up my windows while a toxic BESS fire burns itself out. I and my neighbors have livestock to care for, and will be exposed to the chemicals filling the air. Acton depends on ground water, which will be contaminated during thermal runaway. Our beautiful ecosystem and rural landscape will be threatened. This is a community populated by generations of people who chose Acton because the serene, unspoiled country lifestyle it offers. Please take Acton off of your list of possibilities for any and all Battery Energy Storage Systems. Prairie Song BESS development does NOT belong in Acton!  
Sincerely, Melissa De Santis