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Date:	7/18/2016 10:35:44 AM
Subject:	FW: Legal action

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Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 2:34 PM
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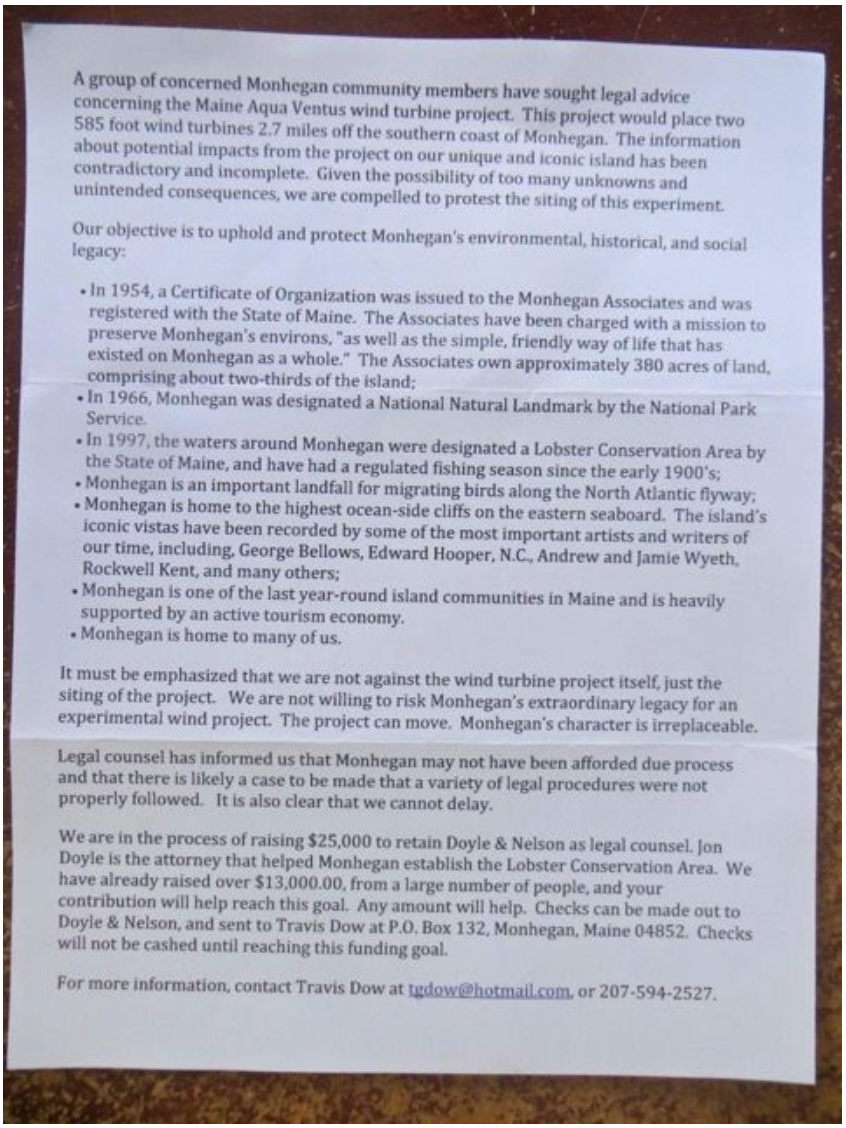

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Subject:	RE: Maine Aqua Ventus (MAV)

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http://www.monheganenergy.info/results-of-a-survey-of-the-monhegan-community-by-the-monhegan-energy-task-force-july-2016/

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Subject:	Re: Aqua Ventus; Monhegan

Sigh

On Nov 1, 2016 at 4:25 PM "Burrowes, Todd" <Todd.Burrowes@maine.gov> wrote:

> http://www.pressherald.com/2016/11/01/monhegan-residents-renew-fight-against-off-shore-turbines/

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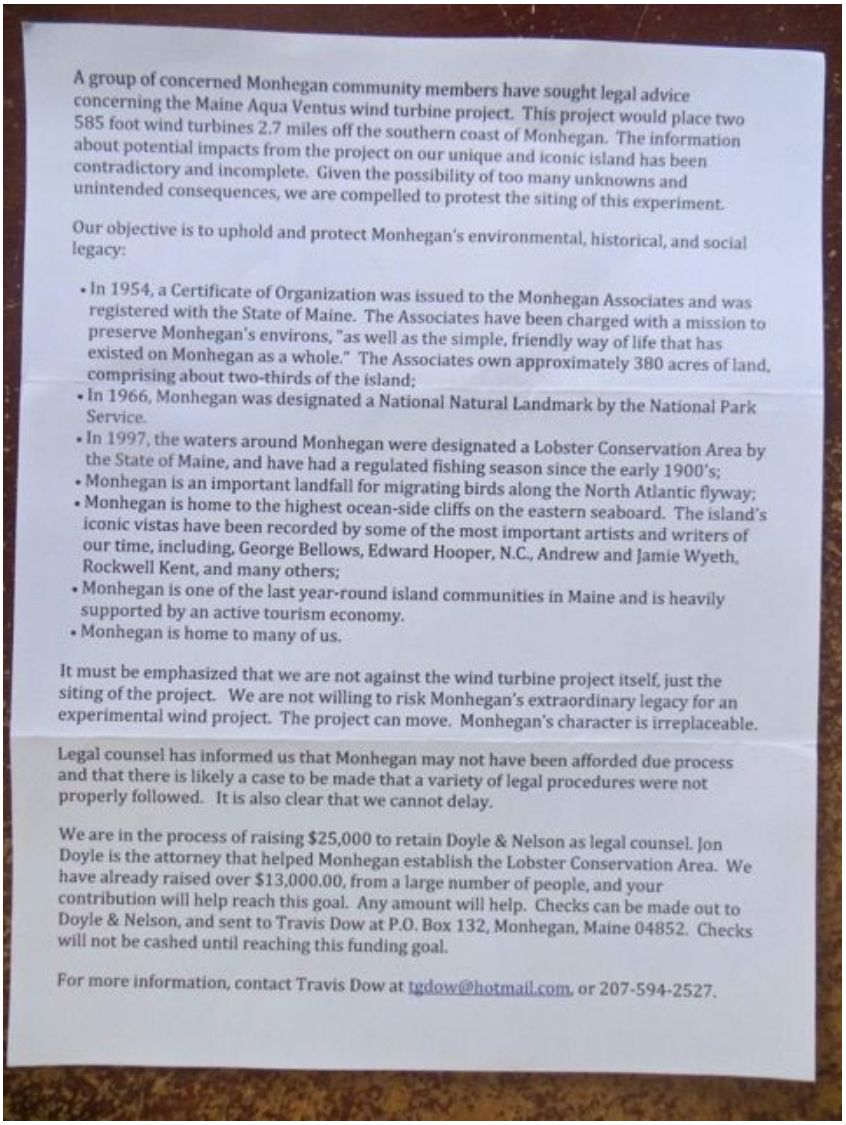

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