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While it was most disappointing to see our much-respected stalwart, Dan Lynch, cave to the power plant at this junction, life does go on. (It is to be hoped, however, that his colleague in sanity isn't turning over in his grave...) That noted, nothing has been mandated regarding rapid warranty, bonding and restitution to deal with the rapid deflation of local property values, loss of fresh water access in current or future homes, and the general deterioration of North Oxford and South Middlebury into Flushing, Queens. And, as we all know, statistically demonstrable rate increases in pulmonary/coronary health issues will become long-term legal fiascos a la Erin Brockovich with overweaning BIG BUCKS versus individual families forced to go broke trying to "prove" that the power plant was the problem.

It is understood that this isn't within the legal purview of CSC, as it is not part of their job to put on boots and fight the fires, man the ambulances arriving to bring burned and broken pilots to hospitals, or personally pay for the long-term drug regimens kids will face when reality hits home during the plant's operation. The second most egregious behavior of polluters beyond their greed-motivated pollution is their adamant resistance to rapid compensation commensurate with the damage they cause. That is why massive bonding and warranty should be a precondition of this power plant project, implemented by legal constraints with serious teeth: no, FANGS.

Alas, that ain't happening, either. As we in Oxford have experienced for almost two decades, any entity that can build a billion-dollar can never seem to fork up the nickels and dimes it takes to pay their bills (taxes) or make good on their bogus promises (we built our high school with our own tax dollars, nothing forked over by Arena Capital or Calpine, et al).

And big money has an allure similar to ripe bananas: it makes the monkeys dance to their tune. The way the town meeting form of government was corrupted behind the scenes since Arena Capital waltzed into town has demonstrably ensured that Oxford will never supervise this project, never demand its citizens' rights vis a vis the power plant owners, and never stand up for justice, equity and common sense. Slip into a back office, barf up an amendment and get a few papers signed, and the rest of us are forced to go whistle.

I'm no Luddite. As a child of the Star Trek generation, I'm eager for transporters to beam me up and starships to take me to the summit of my imagination. But that advanced technology will only be realized after the dinosaurs burning fossil fuels and poisoning the Earth are extinct. They hold us back because they are not visionaries; they are not interested in climbing the summits of their collective imagination; they are not concerned about posterity. They build things where they are sure not to live, themselves; they corrupt people by whom they would never allow themselves to be controlled; they call themselves fulfillers of needs when, in truth, they are creators of greater needs.

And why? A stupid question. Money. The completion bonus. The status a fancy car brings. The power to never have to live where others like them have made dirty deals, themselves.

Anyway, the fat girl hasn't yet sung. Oxford's former tax collector may not be the only one learning how to deal with life behind bars. And soon.

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"You are given only one little spark of madness. Don't lose it." Robin Williams

"Better pass boldly into that other world, in the full glory of some passion, than fade and wither dismally with age." James Joyce

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