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Resident Complaint

7/19/2017

I am filing a complaint for the damage done to my property from the result of blasting conducted by Maine Drilling & Blasting preparing the windmill pads for a Deerfield Wind project. My chimney suffered damage, brick fell along with mortar during the blasting. My windows were also damaged by the tremors and 5 of the thermopane seals started leaking. There also was a crack in the ceiling in sheetrock. Before the project started there was a special town meeting called hosted by the blasting representatives. The impact residents were given certified letters informing us of the event. At the meeting we were told the blasting was going to be low impact but the company wanted to do a survey with pictures and videos on our homes before the project started. I agreed and scheduled an appointment. Paul Kretschmer arrived at my property on Oct, 3rd. I invited him in but he showed little interest stating nothing is going to happen and I was too far away to be effected. He was also scheduled to do a water sample and flow rate on my drilled well. I was told the flow rate takes too long but I'll do a water sample because I'm was pressed for time. He also told me not to worry about it, nothing would happen and if it did, it would be taken care of. He did enter my basement though my bulkhead from outside. While there I asked if he was going to take pictures of my foundation, again he said no. Mr. Kretschmer states he did a full survey of the outside of my home, he didn't go behind it on the west side at all. My chimney is on the north side adjacent to the driveway and it's an outside 3 flue brick structure less than 10 years old. I reported the damage to the blasting foreman and asked to file a claim. I did this through email. Mr. Thomas from Maine Drilling & Blasting came to my home to inspect the damage. Immediately he stated it wasn't from blasting. I was then left with no choice but to contact Consumer Affairs of Vermont and corresponded with Christine Peterson. My neighbor also had his home shaken by the blasting. It happened various times to him also. He contacted the blasting foreman Joseph Taber and informed him of the tremors that were shaking his house. The foreman said he was unaware of this and would adjust the charges back so it wouldn't be felt anymore. He also filed a blast complaint to the company. To resolve the damage I am seeking the repair of my home to pre-blast conditions.

Sincerely,

Francis Candiloro

233 VT Route 8

Searsburg, VT 05363

Signed this 19th day of, 2017, by
Francis Candiloro



SAMANTHA TANNER
NOTARY PUBLIC
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 8-28-2020

Affidavit

I Francis Candiloro of Searsburg, in Bennington County Vermont MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

Deerfield Wind subcontractor Maine Drilling and Blasting created damage to my property by means of excessive blasting charges.

I noticed brick falling from chimney after 1st blasting event and continuing as blasting was performed.

I noticed shaking of the house and windows with a result of thermo window seal leaks.



(signature)

Francis Candiloro

Signed this 19th day of July, 2017 by
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Statement

To whom it may concern, I Craig Goman state the blasting that was being preformed by Maine Drilling & Blasting in Searsburg, VT. sent tremors throughout my house on various occasions shaking the windows and the structure. My home is situated on the east side of Route 8 about $\frac{3}{4}$'s of a mile from the blasting zone of Deerfield Wind Project. I contacted the blasting foreman Joseph Tabor to inform him of the tremors inside my home. His reply was that he would make adjustments to the blasting charges to alleviate the tremors. A week later the tremors started again when the blasting was performed. I contacted Joseph Tabor again and informed him of the blast tremors I was experiencing at my property. If I felt the blasts on my days off, how many times was it happening when I was at work? I was asked if I wanted to file a complaint which I did. He arrived a week later and took seismograph readings of a blasting. ~~After~~ that the blasting charges were set lower and marginally felt.

Respectfully,



Craig Goman
Route 8
Searsburg, VT.



JULIE T. HAVNESS
Notary Public Vermont
My Commission Expires February 10, 2019

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 313
Readsboro, VT. 05350



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BLASTING NOTICE

Date: September 1, 2016

To: Property Owners / Tenants

Re: Deerfield Wind
Searsburg, VT

7250

JUL 28 '17 AM 9:01
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Please be advised that the blasting project in your neighborhood known as Deerfield Wind will begin soon. The blasting contractor for this project is Maine Drilling & Blasting (MD&B) of New Haven, VT. In accordance with the project specifications, the blaster is offering pre-blast, post blast surveys and well monitoring to property owners within ½ mile radius of the anticipated blasting area. Your property is located within this vicinity.

Continental Placer Inc. (CPI) will be conducting the pre-blast, post blast and well monitoring surveys for MD&B. These services are being provided at **NO COST** to the property owner. It is required that someone be present at the time of the (interior) survey. If you would like to have a pre-blast, post blast surveys and well monitoring, please contact us at 1-603-524-0811 ext. 0 as soon as possible. Please call us either way, as we would like to know whether or not you would like us to provide this service. Thank you.

What does a pre-blast and post blast surveys entail?

These surveys consist of videotaping the pre-existing conditions of the interior and/or exterior of all structures on your property. For the interior areas, we will be documenting the existing conditions of all the rooms (ie: walls, windows, door frames, ceilings, tile floors, bathrooms, etc.). For the basement and garage areas we will document the foundation, floors and walls. For the exterior, we will then proceed to document the exterior foundation, walls, windows, chimney, walkways, etc.

Public Informational Meeting

A public informational meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on September 16, 2016, at Searsburg Town Offices located at 18 Town Garage Road Searsburg, VT 05363.

What if you have concerns with the blasting after the project starts?

If you have any problems or perceived damage with the blasting please call MD&B at 1-802-479-3341 or CPI (number above) immediately and explain your concerns. We will get back to you as quickly as possible.

The site will be well marked with highly visible signs that detail the whistle warning sequence that will be sounded prior to commencement of each blast. All blasting operations will be conducted during the daylight hours and no explosives will be stored at the construction site overnight.

If you have any other questions pertaining to the blasting on the project please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
CONTINENTAL PLACER INC.

Maine Drilling & Blasting

Blasting Damage Complaint Form

Date of Incident: Feb 11, 2016 Time of Incident: VARIES Date First Noticed: ongoing ^{since start of blasting}

Location Of Incident: 233 VT Route 8 Searsburg, VT 05363

Type of Structure: Frame

Property Owner's Name: Francis Cantalero

Property Owner's Address: 233 VT Route 8 Searsburg, VT 05363

Claimant's Name (If Different): _____

Claimant's Address: _____

Relationship To Property owner: _____

Daytime Phone Number:

802-440-2589

Best Time To Call:

Afternoon

Description Of Damage

Chimney face crumbling
window seals leaking
Sheet rock cracks. } outlined in email

Certification Of Damage

I declare under penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made and information given herein are true as of the date of this complaint. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information including possible fines, civil penalties and imprisonment.

Francis Cantalero
Signature of Claimant/Owner

4/24/2017
Date

Maine Drilling & Blasting, Inc.
P.O. Box 1140
423 Brunswick Avenue
Gardiner, ME 04345
207.582.2338
207.582.8794 FAX

Divisional Offices
Connecticut 860.242.7419
Maine 207.582.2338
Massachusetts/RI 508.478.0273
New Hampshire 603.647.0299
New York 518.632.9170
Pennsylvania 800.422.4927
Vermont 802.479.3341

HOME INSPECTION SERVICES

Mark Braman
1661 Vermont Route 100
Readsboro, VT 05350

Client: Frank Candituro **Date:** 7/14/14
Address: 233 RT. 8
City, State, Zip: Searesburg VT 05363

Contract for services at: SAME

Services:

☒ **Home Inspection**

☒ **Pest Infestation**

☐ **Radon Inspection**

Limitation of Liability:

This is a limited inspection only, intended for provide information concerning the physical conditions observed at the time of the inspection. It is not a general warranty or guarantee of the condition of the property or equipment. I am not responsible for problems that cannot be reasonably discovered in a limited inspection or that, are covered, concealed, buried, or hidden by debris. The inspector's liability for errors or omissions in the inspection report is limited to the fee paid for the inspection and the report. The client assumes the risk for all losses greater than the fee paid for the inspection. The client agrees to accept a refund of the fee as full settlement for any and all claims that may ever arise from this inspection.

Mark Braman
Mark S. Braman Lic#057734

Frank Candituro
Client

STRUCTURAL INSPECTION

BRAMAN BROTHERS BUILDERS
1661 VT RT 100
Readsboro, VT 05350
(413) 663-8240

Client: Frank Cand. 1000
Address: 233 RT-8
Searsburg VT 05363

EXTERIOR:	functional/non-functional		comments
1. Driveway	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
2. Walkways	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
3. Attached Decks/ Porches & Stairs	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
4. Doors	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
5. Gutters & Downspouts	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
6. Chimney & Flashing	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
7. Roof	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
INTERIOR:			
1. Stairway & Handrails	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
2. Kitchen/Dining Room	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
Sink	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
Floor	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
Walls & Ceilings	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
Doors & Windows	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
Electric Fixtures	☒	☐	<u>need GFI's</u>
3. Bathroom	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
Sink	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
Tub Shower	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
Toilet	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>
Doors & Windows	☒	☐	<u>Good</u>

3. Bathroom	✓	—	Good
Floors & Ceilings	✓	—	Good
Electric Fixtures	✓	—	
4. Living Room	✓	—	Good
Ceiling & Walls	✓	—	Good
Doors & Windows	✓	—	Good
Floor	✓	—	Good
Electric Fixtures	✓	—	
5. Bedroom	LOCATION		
Ceiling & Walls	✓	—	Good
Doors & Windows	✓	—	Good
Floor	✓	—	Good
Electric Fixtures	✓	—	Good
6. Bedroom	LOCATION		
Ceiling & Walls	✓	—	Good
Doors & Windows	✓	—	Good
Electric Fixtures	✓	—	Good
7. Bedroom	LOCATION		
Ceiling & Walls	✓	—	
Doors & Windows	✓	—	
Floor	✓	—	
Electric Fixtures	✓	—	
8. Insulation			Good
Basement 6" or R19	✓	—	Good
Attic 12" or R38	✓	—	
BASEMENT			Block
1. Foundation	✓	—	Good
2. Subfloor	✓	—	Good
3. Floor Joists	✓	—	Good
4. Stairs & Handrails	✓	—	

HEATING

1. Boiler
2. Circulator Pump
3. Zone Valves
4. Pipes
5. Electric
6. Thermostats

✓
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

2 Years

N/A

N/A

Good

Good

PLUMBING SYSTEM

1. Visible condition of accessible feed lines & connectors
2. Hot Water Heater
3. Visible condition of accessible waste lines

✓
✓
✓

Good

Good

Good

ELECTRIC SYSTEM

1. Service Panel Box
2. Accessible Wiring
3. Junction Box Cover

✓
✓
✓

100 AMPS

Good

Good

COMMENTS: need 2 GFI'S in kitchen


Client Signature

7/14/14

Date


Inspector Signature
Mark S. Braman

7/14/14

Date

(802) 423-5251

(413) 822-2013





