



## Wattley will leave Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound

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HYANNIS — The man who led the charge against the proposed Nantucket Sound wind farm for the past two years is moving on.

Glenn Wattley, who served as chief executive officer and president for the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound, said yesterday that he will continue to work with the group as an adviser even as he relinquishes the leadership role.

"The board asked me to stay on as a consultant," he said.

Wattley, 56, will continue to live in Osterville, where he has a home and manages his consulting firm, WestBayEnergy LLC, he said. While he declined to specify his salary while working for the Alliance, Wattley said it was less than his predecessor, Charles Vinick, who earned \$133,000 a year not including benefits, according to the group's tax documents.

In addition to the consulting business, Wattley plans to devote energy to a new venture, a position on the board of directors of WTgreen, a subsidiary of the World Trade Association. WTgreen's mission, according to the group's Web site, is to promote the development of "alternative energy, renewable energy and environment management for happiness and peace."

Wattley said he is working as a consultant with WTgreen and may move into a management role in the future.

Wattley began leading the Alliance in 2007 after three decades working in the energy industry. When Wattley took on the job, he did not shy away from his connections to the energy industry in general and the coal industry in particular, stating wind power is not the best way to combat global warming.

In the past two years, Wattley often commented at public hearings and in written testimony on Cape Wind's economic viability and issues ranging from public safety to impacts on tribal and historic properties. All those issues remain outstanding, he said yesterday.

Cape Wind is waiting on a final approval from the U.S. Minerals Management Service, the lead federal agency to review the project. That approval is being held up while federal officials review the project's impacts on historic and tribal sites.

Cape Wind spokesman Mark Rodgers suggested the Alliance still had a long way to go to disassociate itself from traditional fossil fuel interests.

"If the Alliance is trying to move away from its connection to coal interests, its next move should be to cut all ties and turn down the millions of dollars from its leader Bill Koch, who is expanding the size of his coal mines on public lands at the same time he fights the clean air and green energy jobs Cape Wind will bring to this region," Rodgers wrote in an e-mail to the Times.

William Koch of Osterville is a longtime financial contributor to the Alliance, giving the organization \$250,000 in 2007 alone.

Audra Parker, the Alliance's executive director, said the group will continue to fight Cape Wind and fully expects to stop the wind farm from being built in Nantucket Sound. "The key issues remain the key issues because they're unresolvable in the current location," she said. "I think we've got great resources in place, I think we've got science behind us, and I think we're going to win in protecting Nantucket Sound."

Parker declined to provide Wattley's salary while he worked with the Alliance. Wattley's salary must be filed as part

of the organization's tax documents but the most recent filings that would contain that information are not yet available.

Wayne Kurker, co-founder of the Alliance, will act as president for the time being. In a telephone conversation yesterday, Kurker said Parker is now the leader of the group.

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