

My wife and I are landowners on Lent Hill with a windmill slated for our farm. With all the negative information put out by the Cohocton Wind Watch (CWW), we thought maybe we had missed something, how could we have done that, could we have made a bad judgment. Did we overlook something in our pre-investigation into windmills and on our trip to Fenner?

We decided to go to Tug Hill and talk to the locals. We randomly stopped at houses and spoke with owners and non-owners of windmills. We spoke to people in the local restaurant and to one employee.

The first thing we wanted to check out was the noise claim. We checked out the claim by the Cohocton Wind Watch that the generators would be equivalent to a 747 plane on top of each windmill. This is an absolute and preposterous fabrication by the anti-wind group. We drove our car up to the base of several windmills and had to cut the car off in order to hear any noise. We did hear a very slight whoosh and a very low noise from the generator. We cut the car off at 300 ft, 500 ft and 700 ft to hear what noise the generators make. 300 feet a small noise, 500 feet a very faint noise and 700 feet nothing. No roar of a 747 as the anti-wind advocates claim. No tumbling noise.

One local landowner had no windmills on his land but said he loved them. His pond was clear and he had Geese on it. There had been no deer kill and wildlife was all around. He viewed them as pleasing and calming. The greatest thing that has happen for the Town.

Another landowner, a dairy farmer said his cows had no trouble with the windmills and never have had a nosebleed as the group would have you believe. He would have to stop and listen to see if the windmills were making a noise. He was going to put his revenue back into his farm to keep him in operation for many years.

We asked about:

Ice throw	none
Bird/wildlifekill	none
Water pollution	none
Pond stagnant	none

All these with the others are false claims just to meet the agenda of CWW.

As far as the set back and locations we must say that our Planning Board has done one superior job with their requirements. The anti group has gone from a set back of 1,500 feet, then to 1 mile, then 2 miles and now 5 miles. What next??

We also checked Out the fabricated untruths that property values would drop like a rock.

The property values in Fenner have had a significant increase in value, not a drop.

In summary, Judy and I did not miss anything, what we did realize was that the Town

Fathers and the Town Planning Board have made the best plans available for Cohocton, and that the Cohocton Wind Watch has fabricated all the wildest scenarios to meet their own agenda.

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