

Reflections concerning the "Cohocton Wind Watch" advocates.

I have attended several anti wind power presentations in the past year. They have all been fairly repetitious dog and pony shows that raise dramatic doomsday scenarios. Each point needs to be examined carefully to find the real truth that might be in it.

A most fascinating hypothesis that came out of one of the Cohocton presentation was the one about reinforced resounding noise from windmills. This theory suggest that the noise from a windmill seems bearable right underneath it but some how resonates and compounds itself every 1/10 of a mile from the tower for up to mile away. This mythical scenario creates a most significant health hazard. And, oh yes, magically the effect is worse when the windmills are on top of hills where the noise, can tumble downward onto all of us unsuspecting victims. What a whimsical theory???

We have all heard the negative fallacy's the CWW (Cohocton Wind Watch) have been saying, but how many of them have even visited a working wind farm? Have they personally, randomly stopped at homes that have and don't have windmills to talk to the residents to hear what they have to say about the turbines?

Obviously none of them have or they would know for a fact that there is very little noise, even when you stand directly under the turbines, animals and birds are not affected. There has been **NO** insurance claim regarding ice throw and the value of the land has not depreciated. In fact the opposite is true, an article in the Standard Post, Syracuse, N. Y. dated May 27, 2006, stated that the property values have increased in Fenner.

Wind watchers make a strong point about town councilmen who seem to be in favor of the windmills for the money only. That is **not** true. Your town board recognizes the importance of wind power as a future source of electricity. Wind power will not solve our electricity shortages but by itself, but will certainly contribute 5%+ to our supply currently and certainly more than that as technology advances.

If Cohocton, with our wind resources, was offered no compensation for windmills, we should go ahead with the program to fulfill our obligation to contribute to the stewardship of our land, our air and our standard of living.

People of Cohocton, put your faith in your planning board, the town board and most of all put your faith in the families that have lived on the land and worked the soil for generations Do you really think they would do anything to hurt the town of Cohocton or the surrounding area? The decision to place windmills on their farms was not an easy decision. These landowners have done their homework researching the wind turbine farms before committing to the project. What the lease landowners have actually done is provide something of worth to all the residents of the town. They may hold a lease for the turbines but all of us will benefit from the PILOT funds paid by the developer.

YES! Wind Power for Cohocton
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