

The Hypocrisy of the Anti-Wind movement in Cohocton

Let's start with the Cohocton Wind Watch opposition to the Cohocton Wind project. They started out their campaign of no Wind Turbines in Cohocton with the argument that "You're just in it for the money." In fact, last spring at a meeting at the school, the President of Cohocton Wind Watch stood up and started his presentation by saying, "There are a lot of greedy people in Cohocton." That was a statement that he and other speakers repeated over and over that night. After months of arguing about why there shouldn't be any wind turbines in Cohocton, now it appears some of these same people are interested in becoming wind developers themselves.

After months of insulting our Town Board and Planning Board members and costing all of the taxpayers of Cohocton thousands of dollars by unsuccessfully suing the Town, now these same people expect us to forget all of their lies and misinformation about wind power and believe that they are now interested in building a wind farm, "for the benefit of the community." Where was their commitment to the people of Cohocton when they were costing us all money in legal fees by suing our Town Board and threatening to sue farmers and landowners that have leased their land for the wind farm?

Wasn't it a member of Cohocton Wind Watch who stood up at the August 2006 Cohocton Town Board meeting and questioned the Board as to why they had not contacted his wind developer to get a proposal from them? Wasn't it the same member of Cohocton Wind Watch who unsuccessfully filed suit against the Town over the proposed Wind Mill Law alleging in his lawsuit that his property value would suffer? I hear what you are thinking...if Wind Turbines are going to hurt your property values why support a different developer? The best reason I can see is who will financially benefit. Alright, now we should all be to the point of questioning the motives of these people to oversee the building of a wind farm in Cohocton - my initial thought was, Hmmm now who is in it for the money?

I am glad that the members of Cohocton Wind Watch now realize that wind power is right for Cohocton. But, do these guys honestly believe that anyone in their right minds would trust their opinion on wind power after they have totally flip-flopped on the issue - hypocrisy! I mean seriously, it's kind of like asking if you want your new house built by an experienced home-builder or some guy who lives in a tent, has never seen a hammer before and was arguing at a planning board meeting last week that houses are dangerous and that the Town should ban house-building.

Yes! Wind Power for Cohocton has been consistent in our support for the Cohocton Wind project that is proposed by UPC. In a few short months, UPC will have their wind farm up and running and all of the people of Cohocton will be benefiting from it. To help everyone understand the benefits of wind power for Cohocton and for the world, suggest you stop by our website: <http://www.yeswindcohocton.com> which has become a forum offering news and views from the people that have consistently supported wind power in Cohocton.

The opinions stated here generalize on topics, I am confident that a few of the opponents to wind turbines will not compromise on their position. These are the people who will fight turbines in Cohocton until the bitter end. Are they bad people? No they are not. To those people I wish to say that no offense to them is intended, and I am sure none will be taken. To everyone reading this that is offended by these opinions maybe you should take a closer look at your personal stance and motives on the subject.

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