

COHOCTON VOTERS III

This year's election campaign is going to be waged in the Republican Primary. It is a well-established fact that no one in Cohocton history has ever won in the general election if they lost in the primary. I do not expect this year to be any different.

The choices will be very clear. On one hand you will have candidates who are fabric-of-the-community people who have served well and faithfully for many years. On the other, you have candidates who feign an interest in the Cohocton community but whose **ONLY** interest is to keep wind power out of Cohocton.

Windwatchers and Cohocton Reformers are attempting to make a case for bad leadership on the part of the present Town Board. They desperately want the citizenry to turn us out and replace us with their own stalwart candidates. They have gone to great lengths to plant seeds of doubt about our ability to lead, our integrity, our judgement, our honesty and the fact that we are elected to make decisions on behalf of the people of the town.

Not one of these people has joined a fire department, the Lions Club, the CDC or the Historical Society until the wind issue came to their attention. Not one has sought to serve on the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals or any other unpaid advisory position in the Town or the County until this past year. They criticize office-holders and appointees in a far-ranging manner from pious observations to outright character assassinations. They deluge us with Alice-in-Wonderland style delusions that insult the intelligence of the average citizen of the town.

The plain fact is, America needs more electricity. America needs less carbon emissions. America needs less fouling of the earth from digging it up to remove fuels to digging it up to bury the waste. America will benefit greatly if we can produce wind power close enough to where people live to eliminate high-tension transmission lines that sprawl across our landscape.

It has long been said that "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." When the horse won't drink, it does not suffer from bad leadership but from bad judgement on its own part.

The immediate future course of Cohocton and, even New York State rests with the people who will get out and vote in the Primary on September 18. If you have held back in the debate that has continued for the past year, the primary is your opportunity to step forward and put an end to the nonsense. Restore common sense and common decency to our town. Send these Windwatchers and Cohocton Reformers a true and sincere message.

Wayne R. Hunt
Atlanta, NY