

Public Hearing remarks on SDEIS UPC Phase I and DEIS UPC Phase II by Judith Hall

The first comment I would like to make is to refer to the NYS dept of State entity information I just gave you. Please note that CPP 2 came into being December 22, 2006. You received the DEIS and accepted it in November of 2006. Once again the laws of NY State are ignored by UPC, with the blessing of Cohocton.

Number two. Local Law # 2 of 2006, was voted on and filed with the State of NY on November 30, 2006. Yet the supplemental to the DEIS and phase 2 Dutch Hill DEIS were already completed by this date. I guess they already knew the outcome of the law that YOU the planning board were still looking at. Oh that's right you actually made some good recommendations to the Town Board, but they were sent back to you and you backed down on protecting the citizens of Cohocton and changed them. They didn't work with the already newly proposed projects for UPC. I keep using that name UPC!! I guess I should say CPP. Which begs me to ask, besides not really existing until 12/22/06, why is Cohocton not mentioned on the UPC website? Prattsburgh is there, Sheffield is there, Mars Hill is there, why not Cohocton? Why is there not a CPP website?

Are there any employees from CPP in the room? Where are the certificates of workmen's comp insurance required with the building applications in the name of CPP one or two? Where are the signatures on the applications?

The supplemental DEIS is rampant with incomplete and currently proposed, still aren't sures, not yet determined, CPP will decide, anticipated, tentative plan is, the current planned configuration. They are still working on the transportation plan, there is no decision yet on the staging area. All reports from consultants state they will need to be updated once the plan is finalized. The wetland and archaeology are impacted by all of these areas. How can you as the LEAD AGENCY take the required SEQR hard look, when you have NO idea what the final project really looks like? Everything is not decided at the site plan stage, it is looked at by the SEQR process.

The SDEIS states construction will begin April of 2007 and end Dec of 2007. Yet Clipper, manufacturer of the turbines has published reports the turbines will not even be manufactured until 2008. The UPC Steel Wind project in Lackawana, near Buffalo has suffered a delay because, are you ready for this TOO MUCH WIND!!! They couldn't complete construction because of too much wind. Good wind company. Their project in Mars Hill Maine has also suffered a few snafus. It should have been completed some time ago. Today as per the Town Clerk in Mars Hill, 4 turbines are up, they sometimes run, a few more are under construction. There is however a noise problem, HUGE, the government agencies are involved with UPC trying to find the cause of the problem. These are 1.5 MW. 28 were supposed to be going last year. Gee, we sure do get conflicting stories from the Towners and leaseholders about the great track record of UPC.

Some of my favorite quotes from the SDEIS are:

The red flashing lights on the tops of the turbines will be mitigated by distance from the turbines. That work well for me, my bedroom window is 1500 feet from one of those flashing red lights.

Also on page 16 it states that 88 per cent of the visual impact will be screened by vegetation. I guess that is those 500 feet Christmas trees on our property that so disturbs Gerald Moore.

Continued on page 16, my favorite page, because the farmers will be receiving the extra income it will help maintain the community character, you decide what that means for yourself. I have heard several of the farmers can't help but brag, they will never plant again once they get their money rolling in.

So far this project has not complied with local, county or state regulations. The document we are commenting on tonight is totally INCOMPLETE and INADEQUATE to address the environmental issues this project creates.