

The Bottom Line

A lot of things have been said in favor of industrializing the Town of Cohocton with an a wind power project that's larger than anything like it in New England, **but we often wonder** what the real bottom line is. What's really going on here? **Why are people so dead set** on changing the character of our Town so dramatically? Is it to save the planet from global warming? To increase tax revenues? To save farms? To make money? To prove a political point about who's in charge?

A few recent Valley News articles are giving us the answer.

- It isn't about saving the planet from global warming, because it's becoming clear that wind industry claims here are way out of line.

- It isn't about taxes, either, because the more we see about how UPC and SCIDA crunch the tax figures here and elsewhere, the more obvious it becomes that tax relief isn't likely to be a major factor.

- Now, one by one, leaseholders and their wives are starting to tell us the truth: it's about a handful of farmers making a little more money from a new "crop" on their land, one that they don't have to till the soil, plant, or harvest with their own labor.

- What we're being told is that the economic survival of our Town is dependent on them making more money with no more work.

There's another way to look at this whole kettle of fish, however, this time from UPC Wind's perspective. Again, it's all about a few people making money at **the general public's expense**. For leaseholders to make money, we all have to put up with ruined hills. For UPC to make money, **New York taxpayers** have to foot the bill for the generous tax subsidies our legislators have mistakenly authorized.

At Cohocton Free we're beginning to see what this is all about. It's an enormous "get rich quick" scam, pure and simple. Human beings have been prone to the **something for nothing lure** since Adam and Eve were tempted in the Garden. Welcome to 21st century Cohocton. Curious? Visit us online at www.cohoctonfree.com.

