

But What If?

Industrial wind developers use several selling points when they present their proposals to Town leaders and potential leaseholders. The **threat of global warming** and the goal of replacing dependence on oil with renewable, clean, non-polluting energy sources is brought forward. Then **landowners are sold on the idea** that they can do the planet a big favor and make easy money year after year for themselves and their community just by allowing wind towers to be erected. All of this is presented as **a beautiful, quiet, unobtrusive enterprise** that will bless the next generation. No downside in sight...

But what if none of this is really true?

- ***What if it can be demonstrated beyond doubt that wind power won't cut back conventional power sources and will have a negligible effect, if any, on greenhouse gas production?***
- ***What if the easy money promised turns out to be a big bother in the short run and entangled in legalities a few years later when the developer sells out and the turbines begin to depreciate?***
- ***What if these things turn out to be ugly, noisy intrusions into places we took for granted that were once havens of rest?***
- ***And what if the whole thing proves to be a scam – a rip-off of tax dollars and the ecology that our children can see very clearly?***

Will you want to be around to answer their questions? Why did you do this, Mom and Dad? **Why didn't you wait a while longer** to find out what it was all really about before you sold out? Our community could have developed in a much better way, but now we're stuck.

At www.cohoctonfree.com we're **concerned about our children** and their future too. Global warming, pollution, and dependence on oil are all serious matters. But **are we rushing into something** we'll all regret later on? We're confident that truth will eventually triumph over half-truths. Check us out, **visit our "Updates" section** on the web, and then let us know what you think.

