

Can Cohocton be Bought?

Apparently Canandaigua Power Partners, LLC (CPP) and Canandaigua Power Partners II, LLC (CPP II), which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of UPC New York Wind, LLC, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of UPC Wind Partners, LLC (UPC Wind) **are convinced that they can buy** Cohocton. And the main reason for their confidence can be found in a group of **incumbent elected officials** who apparently believe that Cohocton can and should be sold to the highest bidder. We've all just been told that, after months of negotiations, our Town leaders have entered into a **100+ page financial agreement** with UPC Wind to sell the town for \$10 million, to be paid over the next 20 years. During that time, in return, **UPC Wind can and will do whatever it pleases** with our town's character, viewscapes, and politics.

What's the problem with that?

- *First of all, we don't need UPC Wind's money. Money is always nice, of course, but there is a difference between desire and need.*
- *Second, this is "funny money" that's being put forward on a series (100+ pages worth) of carefully contingent promises.*
- *Third, there are already several layers of LLCs (Limited Liability Corporations) between the investors, their promises, and the Town. Many more will come over the next 20 years, so that by the time the cheating becomes obvious to everyone the originators of the scheme will already have taken their money and run.*
- *Fourth, what's \$10 million over 20 years in a project that's going to cost \$250 million, give or take, up front and reap its investors countless millions more in earnings and tax breaks? This is a deal?*
- *Fifth, sixth, seventh... the list can go on and on...*

Who are we kidding? By now UPC Wind must be laughing all the way to the bank. The rank deception and corruption of local politics that have characterized this entire process will only continue to accumulate unless **men and women of good will** rise to the occasion and take back our Town this fall. Visit us at www.cohoctonfree.com, check out our "Updates" section, and then help us recall Cohocton from the brink.

