

## Economic Engine?

Our own Town Board member, Wayne Hunt, is back in the press again extolling the presumed virtues of local leadership and wind power in Cohocton, while **attacking the motives and methods** of wind project critics for whom, according to Wayne, "nothing is sacred." Pardon me? Now we're making moral and spiritual judgments, and unfortunately not very accurate ones at that. However, Wayne's main point is that turning the Town of Cohocton into a **giant power plant** by littering all of our hills - Lent, Pine, Dutch, and Brown - with huge wind turbines is going to make us a "showcase" and turn out to be "the most significant economic engine that we have ever had."

*This begs the question - do we need a new economic engine?*

*- Reading recent YES articles would lead people to believe that our Town is on the verge of economic collapse, but it really isn't true.*

*- Cohocton has done quite well for generations with the engine it already has under its hood, and if the wind project waits or goes away, we'll get along just fine. Probably a lot better, in fact.*

*- A seriously flawed "engine" like this begs for hitting the brakes, not pressing harder on the accelerator.*

Wayne closes his article by reminding us that this is an election year and **asking residents** to support the current government. He implies that a large majority wants a wind project that's never come to a vote. We could have had a **referendum** last November, but our leaders chose to ask voters to extend their terms of office instead. It was a poor idea. How about this one? Let's **hold off a little while longer**, wait until this fall's elections, and then see if we still have a wind project.

**Is your mind closed**, or would you like to think about this some more? Stop by and visit us online at [www.cohoctonfree.com](http://www.cohoctonfree.com). Check out the pictures, read about wind power, and be sure to visit our "Updates" section. We're some of your **thoughtful neighbors** and, along with you, we'd like to see our community have the best future possible.

