

Convenient Falsehoods

Al Gore and others are very motivated to tell us about what they call the "Inconvenient Truths" about **global warming**. It's an unwelcome message for some, partly because many of the "truths" proclaimed are only speculations or half-truths at best. However, even if only a part of Al's diagnosis is true, **we all need to start waking up** and asking what we can do to help. Unfortunately, putting industrial wind power forward as a proposed "**cure**" is **fraught with difficulties**.

The main problem with wind power has to do with falsehood.

- *Wind power will cut back greenhouse gas production - false.*
- *Wind power will produce a lot of electric power for the grid and be an economic boon to our area - highly questionable at best.*
- *Wind turbines are reliable, quiet, and unobtrusive - false.*
- *Local wind power critics keep recycling the same old arguments (and supporters don't?) - patently false.*
- *Our Town Supervisor can't say anything publicly about the wind project proposal now because there's a lawsuit pending - really?*

This is clearly just more self-serving legal advice from our Town Board's most generous patron, UPC Wind.

We invite you to read through the 35 articles we've published in *The Valley News* to **see how many arguments we've "recycled"** so far. Along the way you'll find serious substantiation for all of the concerns we've raised. However, what we keep hearing in response are the same old, tired, **unproven claims from wind power supporters**. Which begs the question: who is really doing the recycling around here?

At **Cohocton Free** we've become increasingly convinced that the promotion of wind development in our area is built on false premises and arguments. Visit us online at www.cohoctonfree.com, click on the VN Index in our "Updates" section, and read through what our research has uncovered. We're some of your thoughtful neighbors and, like you, we'd like to see our town's **future built on truth, not falsehood**.

