

The Hand in the Glove

Week by week, UPC Wind's involvement in Cohocton becomes more blatantly evident in *The Valley News*. Last week they took out nearly 2 full pages of ads under several guises in their continuing effort to promote their project before next month's election. One was a half-page color ad by UPC pledging to "Save our town!" and extolling the "beauty" of its promised "new jobs!" "prosperity!" and "opportunity!" Another was a 3/4-page ad by Wayne Hunt with quotes from Judge Furfure's recent court decision. Apparently the Judge felt that "Local Law #2... was not the first step of a larger project" nor were "changes made by Local Law #2... made at the request of project applicants as a preliminary step to this project."

Where was Judge Furfure when Local Law #2 was made?

- Obviously nowhere near Cohocton where the picture was quite different. Without UPC there would have been no Local Law #1 or #2. Our Comprehensive Plan has no place for wind turbines at all.
- Throughout the entire process it's been clear that our elected and appointed officials have had one goal in mind - working with UPC to craft a legal framework that would permit their project.
- UPC's enormous Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) came on the heels of Local Law #1, and its even bigger SDEIS came almost instantly after Local Law #2 was passed and, oddly enough, fit its provisions precisely the way a hand fits into a carefully tailored glove. "Hearings?" Who were our leaders listening to?
- One reading of Local Law #2 should convince any sceptic that it was written by attorneys, not local politicians. And who paid the attorneys who wrote it? Hello? Is anyone home?

When a glove moves, it's the hand behind it that makes it move. Unfortunately, Judge Furfure just looked at the glove and ignored the hand. We still have a chance in this fall's elections, however, to turn the tide of deception that's been overtaking our town. Visit us at www.cohoctonfree.com, check out our "Updates," and then help us get out the vote for people who can see through this whole ruse.

