Important Meeting

Unbeknown to many people the UPC wind power proposal In Cohocton has undergone a number of changes since it was first presented publicly 9 months ago. These revisions have been so extensive that they've triggered another public review under the provisions of New York's SEQR Act. The first Public Meeting is scheduled for this coming Friday night, January 19th at 7 pm in the auditorium at the Wayland-Cohocton Elementary School on Park Avenue in Cohocton.

What's changed in UPC Wind's presentation of its project?
- They've divided Cohocton into 2 projects, one on Lent and Pine
Hills and the other on Dutch Hill, resulting in 2 separate reviews
under SEQR. This should properly be called segmentation.

- The 405 foot high 2.0 MW Gamesa turbines originally proposed have been replaced by louder 425 foot high 2.5 MW Clipper units.
- The number of turbines has "shrunk" from 41 to 36, but with the addition of Dutch Hill has actually expanded to 52.
- UPC has "responded to" (dismissed) the concerns raised by citizens in last summer's public review of its original DEIS.

The meeting this Friday will address only the Lent/Pine Hill project, but some of the most interesting material is available as part of the Dutch Hill DEIS - simulated pictures of the 2 projects combined. We've posted these prominently on our website. Question: If our citizens had seen these pictures a year ago would we have gotten this far?

For a graphic presentation of UPC's latest pictures, links to their Supplemental DEIS material, and more discussion of the issues involved, visit us online at www.cohoctonfree.com. While you're there, be sure to visit our "Updates" section. Please prepare yourself as a citizen by reviewing as much of this material as you can, then come to the Public Meeting on the 19th and express your opinion. Thanks!

