Time for a Moratorium

It's been only 6 months now since UPC Wind unveiled the massive industrial wind power project they've been quietly working on for 3 years with carefully selected landowners and Town officials in Cohocton. Within weeks they followed up with a huge 800-page "Draft Environmental Impact Statement" and citizens were asked to respond. Since then, serious deficiencies in the DEIS and the entire review process have been identified, our entire Town is divided, and now another developer has come forward with an alternate proposal. Where do we go from here, and why are we in such a rush?

We believe it's time to declare a Moratorium

- Our current Town leadership is burning out and we need time to reunite as a community and evaluate our alternatives.
- Our Town Comprehensive Plan needs to be thoroughly reviewed and updated by the community as a whole.
- Serious deficiencies in UPC's proposals, including its inflated power estimates, ambiguous finances, and fraudulently self-serving noise analyses, need more scrutiny both here and in Prattsburgh.
- Legal issues governing local wind power legislation and adhering to the SEQR process need to be satisfied prior to the passage of any binding "Windmill Law".

We believe that it would be grossly premature for our Town Board to attempt to enact another Windmill Law at this point and are making a public appeal to our leaders to declare a moratorium on wind power development in Cohocton for at least 6 months.

Do you want to look into this any further? Stop by and check us out online at www.cohoctonfree.com. Click on the "Promises" tab and read about "The Process" that we're involved in. Before you leave, be sure to visit the new "Updates" section of our site and read the presentation Bob Strasburg gave last week - then start putting your convictions into action. Thanks for your support!

