

## Proof of the Pudding

The proof of any recipe is what it tastes like when it's all done. Did it turn out the way the cook intended? Does everyone think it's a success? After last week's election, it seems virtually inevitable that Cohocton's hills will be covered with industrial wind turbines by next year in accordance with the controversial "recipe for success" UPC Wind and our elected officials are cooking up for all of us. Now that the majority of our Town's voters have officially ignored the warnings of critics, the last remaining critic will be the project's outcome itself.

*There's little doubt that UPC Wind will reap a handsome profit, but will Cohocton get what it bargained for?*

- Will the turbines and towers be quiet and unobtrusive, as advertised, or disturbingly noisy (but technically legal) and ugly?
- Whose property values will go up, and whose will go down?
- Will our property taxes actually drop significantly, or have projected tax savings been falsely inflated, only to be minimized by increased costs, lowered school tax subsidies and other factors?
- And, ultimately, will onshore industrial wind power installations like this lower greenhouse gas production or turn out to be scams that are enormously costly to taxpayers and energy consumers?

Frankly, we think the whole wind power scheme is a painfully flawed boondoggle for investors that will end up damaging our Town. We're grateful for the encouragement many of you have shown in supporting our well-researched concerns over the past 18 months privately, at public meetings, and at the polls. Thank you for your support!

We'll be taking a low profile from now on but will still be available to talk with anyone in town as things develop. Once UPC's recipe has been followed and Cohocton's goose pudding is cooked, we think the lights are going to start coming on, one at a time, in the minds of many formerly ardent wind supporters. In the meantime, please visit us at [www.cohoctonfree.com](http://www.cohoctonfree.com), keep up with our Updates, and let us know what you discover as you begin to taste the pudding.

