

Support Your Leaders

Lately UPC Wind and its YES! group have been spending about \$100 a week, week after week, advertising their local office and exhorting us to **"SHOW YOUR SUPPORT for your TOWN & PLANNING BOARDS."** As noble and worthy as these sentiments may be, misplaced trust and group loyalty could end up paying very poor rewards. Citizens of good will who **favor community order and stability** need to ask:

What does it mean to support your leaders?

- First it means honoring those who have been invested with trust and supporting them personally with encouragement and prayer.***
- Next it means sharing your honest insights, information, and personal feelings about Town business with them, with hope and confidence that they are actually interested in hearing from you.***
- It means expecting them to exercise their mandate on behalf of all of the Town's residents and holding them to that mandate.***
- And it means continuing to support them when they come under undue political pressure from well financed outside interests by offering them ethical and sensible alternatives to caving in.***

But what do the UPC Wind ads mean when they ask for support? Clearly they want you to **become a YES! Man like them**, one who continues to pressure our local leaders to turn a deaf ear to the legitimate concerns of fellow Townsman and **tow UPC's line to the bitter end**. Thankfully, it looks like our Planning Board is beginning to grasp some of the full meaning of what is going on in Cohocton, and for that they have our full support. **Good projects don't need to be railroaded through.**

At Cohocton Free we believe in a democratic process that encourages the **active input of every member of the community**. Support means participation to us, not continuing to demand a YES when so many in the community are saying NO. Visit us at **www.cohoctonfree.com**, read our recent **Proposal** for breaking the deadlock, check out the latest in our **"Updates"** section, and then contact us for a **yard sign!**

