

## Unrighteousness

There's an old maxim that **the end doesn't justify the means**. In other words, no matter how admirable a goal may be, using improper means to attain it is never appropriate. **This truth seems to be lost** on ardent wind power supporters in Cohocton, including UPC Wind, its paid promoters and leaseholders, and our Town's elected and appointed officials, all of whom have taken the **public posture** that they are law-abiding, responsive to community concerns, and follow due process.

### **But what does the record show?**

- **Secret deals going back 3 years or more with gag clauses.**
- **Public officials who kept a \$125 million development project hidden from the general electorate until after they were in office.**
- **A series of public "hearings" in which appointed officials "listen" to the concerns of citizens but refuse to reply.**
- **Consistently unanswered letters addressed to UPC's community relations office, YES blog, public officials, and leaseholders.**
- **Broken and ignored zoning laws in the placement of test towers.**
- **Cronyism in the selection of a Code Enforcement Officer whose first official act was to illegally void 8 individual building permits.**

**Just to get personal for a moment**, how has this affected us? We've tried our hardest to keep our input constructive, but what good has it done? The Town Supervisor, Town Board and Planning Board members, Town Judge, individual leaseholders, and Rick Towner won't even give our personal communications the courtesy of a reply. All we've gotten is a **voided building permit** and a new turbine siting map showing 2 turbines along our property line where there was only 1 last year.

**Will UPC Wind and its supporters** be more responsive to your concerns after the towers are up than they are before? Dream on. Local Law #2 has inadequate protection already, but don't hold your breath waiting for even that to be enforced. Visit us at [www.cohoctonfree.com](http://www.cohoctonfree.com) and be sure to read the latest in our "**Updates**" section. Thanks!

