

## Noise? What Noise?

**Noise is a big factor** that's addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) submitted by UPC Wind this spring, something that they took very seriously because the turbines they're proposing to install on our hills each generate an average of **105.3 decibels** of noise while operating. The object of their study and subsequent public relations campaign has been to **minimize the impact** of this noise. In spite of numerous scientific studies and reports to the contrary, we're shown videos and testimonies telling how quiet these machines *really* are, in the hopes that our worries will all be put to rest - at least long enough for the turbines to be erected.

### *So what are we concerned about?*

- *Most of the noise will be generated at night, not during the day.*
- *The developer's noise recommendations are, when you get to the very bottom line, based on the highly questionable findings of only one receptor site on Wagner Gulley Road.*
- *Dozens of houses are located in the sound field of the project.*
- *Once the turbines are up, there will be no relief.*

Unfortunately, many people in town see this whole question as part of an **"us vs. them" fight**, not an expression of the legitimate concerns of intelligent neighbors. However, if the wrong decision is made, we will all be losers. The current local law, "Windmill Law #1" specifies a 50-dBA noise limit, which is **already way too high**, while "Windmill Law #2" boosts it to 52 dBA. Will this make a difference? You bet it will.

**Would you like to think about this a bit further?** Stop by and check us out online at [www.cohoctonfree.com](http://www.cohoctonfree.com). We're some of your thoughtful neighbors and, along with you, we'd like to see our town have the best future possible. Ponder and test our ideas before you make up your mind. Then let our Town leaders know where you stand.

