

Where's the Money?

One simple way to understand to understand politics is to ask a simple question: "Where's the money?" When you start tracking money, often its trail will lead you directly to the answer you're looking for. And when it comes to wind power in Cohocton, the money is pretty easy to follow. Right now **it's all coming from UPC Wind**. But where is UPC getting its money? Are they using the money of private investors or our tax money, obtained through NYSERDA? If it's our money that's being spent, we as citizens and taxpayers **should be given a full accounting**.

Can you answer the following questions?

- **Where is UPC Wind getting its financing?**
- **How much of our NYS tax money has been invested so far?**
- **Who is paying for the Town's developer-friendly lawyer?**
- **How much has UPC spent so far on project development?**
- **How much have they spent on politics (including their Community Outreach Office, yard signs, hats, scarves, Valley News ads, YES mailings, public events, hot dogs, etc. etc.)?**
- **How much PILOT money will the Town actually be able to keep?**

What we're being told is that this is all about saving the planet from global warming and bringing much-needed revenue to our poor local economy. **But who will be making money and how much?** We need to know and deserve clear answers before any more decisions are made. Yes, but not only money influences politics, you might say, power does too. Which raises some other questions: Who invited the 4 armed men to the Planning Board's meeting on 8/10? **Was it the same ones** who paid for the lawyer who came with them?

Would you like to think about this a bit further? Stop by and check us out online at 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.

