

Who is Lying?

Ever since UPC Wind first told the whole Town of Cohocton this past April about its plans to build a massive industrial wind power plant on our hills, there's been a lot of controversy with some pretty strong feelings being expressed. Recently opponents of UPC's proposed project have been **publicly accused** of "insulting" town officials, "costing all the taxpayers of Cohocton thousands of dollars" and expecting us "to **forget all of their lies** and misinformation."

But where are the "lies and misinformation" coming from?

- *The developer has consistently overestimated the amount of power that its turbines will effectively generate and therefore the amount of greenhouse gases that might be displaced.*
- *"Generous" PILOT payments have been promised with no clear articulation of the formula that will be used. At the same time, projected profits have been carefully hidden.*
- *UPC Wind's noise estimates and recommendations are grossly inaccurate to the point of deliberate falsification.*
- *In spite of their hostile talk, supporters characterize themselves as kind and rational people, but you'll never find a wind power critic arriving at a public meeting armed with a weapon.*

Wind power critics who are "offended" have been asked to do some soul-searching. That's fair. At www.cohoctonfree.com, however, we think there are some others in the community who have souls that need to be searched also. **Are wind power supporters really being honest** with themselves and the rest of us? Think about it.

We're your neighbors. We have brains, ideas, and feelings, too. Remember, there's always more than one side to a story. Let's lay down our accusations and arms and try to develop a forum where we can brainstorm and work together as a **united community** before forging ahead into an outside developer's dream.

