

## Who Are Our Neighbors?

Just **who are my neighbors** and how am I to treat them? Surprisingly, it's the potentially divisive subject of **wind turbines** that's raised these questions again. I say "potentially" because how we go about making a community decision about turbines is probably even more important than the actual decision we end up making. United we will rise and stand, but divided we will surely fall.

**There are those** who feel strongly that the problem with wind turbines is all invented in the twisted heads of "**outsiders**" who don't have our best interests in mind. They're out-of-town rabble-rousers who "threaten" kind-hearted farmers and promise to bring our Town to ruin if they don't get their way, we're told. **Enemies**, certainly not neighbors. Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth.

*How about using these rules for community building instead?*

- *Do not go out hastily to argue your case; otherwise, what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?*
- *You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.*
- *Like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor.*

**We're your neighbors.** We love our community and want to work with you toward a better future together. There's always more than one side to a story. Please come visit us at [www.cohoctonfree.com](http://www.cohoctonfree.com), and then let us know what you think. We've all worked hard and deserve to hear from everyone in our community before committing the future of our landscape to an expensive project that will probably prove to be nothing more than a political boondoggle with little lasting value.

