

## Why are People Angry?

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. Our Town Boards and some of those who have signed leases with the developer have heard an earful from some upset neighbors who feel **deceitfully left out**. And now that their plans are being challenged, those who thought the wind farm idea was a shoe-in are getting a bit angry in return.

***But were we all getting along fine before this happened?***

- *Our farmland has been in the same families for generations.*
- *The kids are leaving. Businesses aren't here to keep them.*
- *Nothing new has been moving in except outsiders.*
- *I've had land here for 12 years, but nobody ever welcomed me.*
- *Most folks in Cohocton have their own circles of friends.*
- *The two sides kept to themselves, and everything seemed OK.*

Cohocton has been quietly divided for years - we're just starting to see it. Surprisingly, what the Town has been missing has been right here under its nose the whole time. There are some very committed people in "the opposition" whose talents could be tapped for the benefit of the whole community if folks would just set this wind project aside for a little while and talk openly with one another. Stop by and check some of us out online at [www.cohoctonfree.com](http://www.cohoctonfree.com).

**We're your neighbors.** We have brains, ideas, and feelings. We pay our own way and love our community, too. Remember, there's always more than one side to a story. We've all worked hard and would like to have a chance to brainstorm and work together as a united community before forging ahead into an outside developer's dream.

