

To: The Town of Cohocton Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board
From: F. Jeffrey Goldthwait, J.D.
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My name is Jeff Goldthwait. My wife Sharon and I own property located at 10141 Lake Hollow Rd. in the Town of Cohocton

Sharon and I moved to Cohocton from out of state 10 years ago. The proposed wind farm project and the way town officials have handled it so far has raised serious questions and concerns as to whether town officials are operating in a neutral manner with the best interests of ALL residents in mind, not just a select few. We moved here primarily because of the natural beauty of the hills and valleys in the town and beautiful views from our home. The proposed wind farm project will destroy all that attract people to this area whether they be tourists, or prospective new tax paying residents.

The proposed wind farm will provide a short term benefit to a few, a potential insignificant amount of revenue to the town, but if allowed to come into existence will cause severe permanent harm and damage to ALL of us and to the future of the town. The truth of the matter is that UPC is the only entity that will profit, and I mean PROFIT from the proposed wind farm. We the people, if the wind farm is approved, by allowing UPC to "hilljack" our beautiful town, will doom all of us to an ugly landscape that will repel visitors and possible new residents and assure a bleak future for the Town, both financially and esthetically.

I submit the following questions to the Town Board. I do not want you to respond now, but rather give careful thought to your answers, letting your hearts and consciences be your guide and respond to we the people of Cohocton in writing after careful consideration. I will present the Town Clerk with a copy of these remarks for inclusion in the record at the conclusion of this hearing.

1. Who does Mr. Ruzow represent and who is paying his fees? His own firm "Attorney Profile" lists "Real Estate Development" as his first area of expertise. He has represented "major shopping center developers...a shipyard in the cleanup of waterfront property and a paper company in the siting of an industrial landfill.." What assurances can you give us that Mr. Ruzow is truly an independent counsel who represents the best interests of all Cohocton's property owners and not biased in favor of the wind farm?

2. Is the new "Windmill Local Law" legally in effect now or not?

3. Would the Planning Board please provide evidence to we the people that all the necessary permits for the UPC test towers have been legally obtained?

4. Given the potentially significant impact of this proposed wind farm. What justification do you town officials have for not conducting a public referendum on this matter?

5. Is it true that Mr. Steve Varick, UPC's VP for Risk Management was a former Enron executive?

6. Why has the town's "Comprehensive Master Plan" not been reviewed or revised since 1970?

7. Isn't this proposed wind farm project not in clear violation of the stated purpose of our newly enacted Zoning Law, Article 1;Sec. 120;2,4,7 which states in part that the "PURPOSE of said law is:

"2. To encourage the most appropriate use of land, to conserve and enhance the value of property:...

4. To provide for open spaces and recreation areas, protect natural resources, agricultural land, scenic areas...

7. To assure privacy for residents and freedom from nuisances and noxious conditions disturbing to the senses or harmful to the health, prevent unsightly, obtrusive and noisome activities, and generally enhance the community."

8. If this is the stated purpose of our new zoning law, how can you, the officials of this town, in whom we the people have a right to place our trust, and under the oath of office you swore to, even consider approving this proposed wind farm? It's not too late for you to do the only just and right thing for your selves, for your families, for your friends and neighbors. Reject the wind farm proposal.