

Anarchy

To The Editor:

As a result of lies which were being spread during the recent Republican primary campaign in the town of Colton, I am responding in a series of letters to those misconceptions which either my opponent or his supporters quoted to Colton residents.

I have heard that those individuals were telling that I planned to shut down the meetings and not let anyone else speak. Courtesy of the floor has always been extended and that would not be stopped.

However, the manner in which Deputy Supervisor William Swafford conducts his meetings is becoming total anarchy. Swafford allows anyone to speak at any time during the meeting and the efficiency of the operation has greatly diminished.

However, board meetings are scheduled to allow members of the board to conduct the necessary business of the town. As such and according to Freeman (who seems to be all-knowing and the expert quoted regularly by this group), once Courtesy of the Floor is conducted, the public are allowed to remain and observe, not to freely contribute or interrupt.

At the latest board meeting last month, one on-looker was allowed to tell two of the board members to shut up and was not even warned or chastised by the chair.

As an added footnote, after attending the wake and funeral of a member of my family this past week, I was greeted with a sympathy card, which was sent to the town hall with a snide message from a sick person.

Again the individual did not sign their name and that is indicative of the cowardly and heartless acts which have been committed in the past directed at our former supervisor.

If the general population of the town of Colton is happy with the manner in which meetings are being conducted and your elected officials are being treated, probably the deputy supervisor is your candidate.

If you want to see meetings conducted in an orderly and respectful manner, then I think you should consider my candidacy. I will not shut down residents at board meetings during courtesy of the floor, but believe there are not too many issues being dealt with to allow everyone to speak during the business portion of the meeting.

Members have been elected to represent you and to vote in a manner which will benefit the residents. I can assure you that the business meetings will be a proper blend of participation and observation.

Grace Hawley
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Candidate for Town Supervisor