

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at the Seneca Falls Community Center, 35 Water Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen Louis Ferrara, David DeLelys and Thomas Ruzicka. Also present was Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town.

Supervisor Lazzaro called the Meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken, and Councilman Porretta was absent from the Meeting; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Supervisor Lazzaro opened the Public Hearing relative to proposed Local Law #2 – 2017, a local law which would rescind Local Law #3 – 2016 known as the Town of Seneca Falls Waste Disposal Law.

Jeff Shipley: Jeff Shipley, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, stated their Organization represents 500 businesses and tourism partners, and they are strong advocates for initiatives that help create a business friendly environment. Local Law #3 does not constitute a business friendly policy. This Law (Local Law #3) has set a dangerous precedent, and has targeted a specific law abiding business with callous and subjective treatment. Perspective businesses in site selectives looking to operate in the Town of Seneca Falls could easily perceive too much bureaucratic red tape, and move on to another community to the detriment of all the hard working taxpaying residents of Seneca Falls. Mr. Shipley stated as duly elected Leaders for the residents and businesses of the Town of Seneca Falls, each Leader has the responsibility to act on behalf of the greater good. Their priorities should include creating an environment conducive to business and economic stability.

Ann Marie Heinzman: Ann Marie Heinzman stated she is President of Seneca County Farm Bureau, an owner and operator of a Seneca County business, and a resident and taxpayer of Seneca County. She is here representing the Members of the Farm Bureau and their views. Two Candidates seeking election last Fall presented their platform, and in the Election, voters in Seneca Falls clearly chose those two Candidates who favored keeping the landfill open, over those Candidates who ran on a platform to close the landfill. Ms. Heinzman concluded by saying this Town Board needs to honor the wishes of the majority of voters in Seneca Falls by voting in favor of proposed Local Law #2.

Rick Neuman: Rick Neuman stated he is the destination Marketing Manager at the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce and a resident of the Town of Seneca Falls. In his position, he is responsible for the promotion of Seneca County as a tourist destination. Tourism is a strong and diverse mainstream of the Finger Lakes and has grown in our County each year since 2012, Seneca County being one of six counties in the region to do so. Mr. Neuman said he is here to reinforce the importance of business friendly policies and legislation.

Mark Benjamin: Mark Benjamin thanked the Board for moving in a conciliatory manner, especially to Supervisor Lazzaro for trying to bring everybody together in a manner that would save jobs.

Jack Doyle: Jack Doyle, former County Executive for Monroe County, stressed that when you have an economic engine such as the landfill that this facility represents – number of jobs, the opportunity for others to work, the fact that many vendors and other people are involved with the landfill either directly or indirectly - it is truly an economic engine. His point to this Board and this Group is if you have an economic engine such as the landfill and the opportunity it brings for people to have good work and good paying jobs and a Host Community Agreement, - if you let an economic opportunity slip by by trying to force this landfill into a closure situation in a few years, you are going to shut down a large economic engine and the County will suffer for it as will the people who live here and have to pay taxes here. Mr. Doyle said it's not smart to be short-sighted – such as Bausch & Lomb and Kodak in Monroe County who had a tremendous loss of jobs and opportunities. He hopes the Board takes the right action and repeals Local Law #3.

John Cafaro: John Cafaro stated that he and others have lived near Goulds Pumps on Rumsey Street for many years, and the majority of them lived to be in their 80s and 90s. In one form or another, they inhaled pollution (if you want to call it that) from Goulds Pumps for years, and a number of them are still around in their 90s. He feels that the landfill is doing everything that they possibly can to be safe for the people of Seneca Falls and the surrounding area. Mr. Cafaro said the bottom line is he doesn't want his taxes to go up.

Kurt Anderson: Kurt Anderson, Director of Development for Ducks Unlimited, stated the mission of Ducks Unlimited is to conserve, restore and manage wetland and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. They are the World leader in wetlands and waterfowl conservation, conserving over 13 million acres in North America, primarily in Canada and United States. For every dollar they receive in grants, it requires a \$1 to \$1 private or public match. Mr. Anderson said Seneca Meadows, Inc. has committed to be a major donor for many years, and restricted their money locally which provides the critical match. Mr. Doyle said he is here in support of their partners – Seneca Meadows is a partner of Ducks Unlimited. Regarding this Local Law, he urged the Board to view them as a partner as well, not as an adversary. They live here, work here, and have some of the most dedicated conservationists and passionate people that he has ever worked with.

Jan LaValley: Jan LaValley stated the issue to discuss is how to take the existing Local Law #3 and make it work for the betterment of the Town and improvement for the quality of life in our Community. The Law is in place. It is reasonable, fair and addresses and represents the views of the citizens on both sides of the issue. It allows us to look ahead and provides a mechanism for planning the most environmentally sound and economic feasible future for our town, and gives us a timeline in which to work. Ms. LaValley urged the Board not to rush into a hasty vote on this important issue, and ultimately, do not rescind Local Law #3 which is already a good Law.

Marty Furano: Marty Furano of Black Brook Road stated 30 days out of the past 150 days, he had to shut his house down, cannot open windows, and when you walk out it's disgusting. There has to be an end somewhere. He shouldn't have to live 30 days under conditions that are unbearable.

Bob Magill: Bob Magill of Waterloo stated what concerns him is the attitude of some people. There have been so many meetings and the same thing is said over and over again. There are two or three politicians in this room now who intentionally mislead the public for their own personal gain and use it as a platform to be re-elected. There are school teachers here trying to inform the people about the issues, and he doesn't even have a clue as to what they are talking about. Mr. Magill concluded by saying certain Individuals owe the Board Members an apology.

Joe DiCicco: Joe DiCicco of Waterloo stated Seneca Meadows claims to be one of the largest employers in Seneca County; according to the Seneca County IDA website, they are hardly in the top ten employers in the County. The landfill employees are very hard working and good people and are exposed every day to any number of unknown, potentially toxic substances. No one really knows what toxic materials may be coming into that landfill on a daily basis. This Community is the dumping ground for other peoples' garbage. Mr. DiCicco stated it's not our trash, and it needs to end, and Local Law #3 is already on our books to do that. It gives the landfill eight years to figure out finances, job training or potential school for current employees to help them find other jobs. The Law is on our books and is there to protect our Community.

Allison Stokes: Allison Stokes, former resident who moved to Rochester, stated in 2013, she was diagnosed with cancer; it came as a surprise as there was no cancer at any time in her family. In the last year, as she was smelling the noxious odors coming from the landfill – every time she smelled that, she thought of the cancer statistics and that is why she left. She mentioned Mr. Shipley and Mr. Pierce stating that Local Law #3 specifically targets a local business which is unnecessary, unwarranted and unjust. Ms. Stokes said Seneca Meadows is not a local company but part of a huge corporation based in Texas. She mentioned that Waste Connections (Seneca Meadows) uses threats (scare tactics), referring to the weekly flyers put out in numerous mailings to residents – they are very inflammatory. After the Town Board passed Local Law #3 with a landfill closure date of 2025, the Company sued on February 12th. The Corporation does this despite the New York State Law giving the power to the Seneca Falls Town Board. Ms. Stokes stated instilling fear has worked – now the Board wants to nullify Local Law #3.

Chris Lytle: Chris Lytle, resident of Seneca Falls and a Member of the Seneca Falls Environmental Action Committee, stated in negotiations, some things are not negotiable or subject to compromise. In his mind, what is not negotiable is the need for a firm closing date for Seneca Meadows. Local Law #3 clearly provides a closing date in 2025. He quoted sections of the Host Community Agreement which says the landfill will not operate a solid waste facility after 2025 unless and until a new or amended host community agreement is entered into between the Town and Seneca Meadows. The Agreement also states that if the Town and landfill are unable to reach an agreement on a new or amended host agreement, Seneca Meadows reserves any and all rights it has to challenge, oppose or litigate the Town's jurisdiction or authority to require a host agreement as a condition to construct and operate a facility. Mr. Lytle said he is certain that they will never negotiate a host agreement that has a firm closing date. Therefore, legislation is needed; we already have Local Law #3 to protect us. If you pass Local Law #2 and rescind Local Law #3, the dump will never close. He said let the Court decide if Local Law #3 is wrong; if it is, then rescind it – if it is not wrong, let it stand.

John Garee: John Garee of Seneca Falls stated Seneca Meadows is only two miles from his house. They smell the odors and call the hotline. When the wind blows from west to east, Kyle Black says there is nothing that can be done. The Host Community Agreement stipulates the requirements for the control of odor. Based upon that, for almost a year, Seneca Meadows has tried unsuccessfully to control the odor. This is the reason why Local Law #3 was enacted. Mr. Garee said we are being inundated by trash coming from every city. He proposed that Seneca County increase the tipping fees (\$8 per ton) on non-Seneca County trash, which means the tonnage will come down. He recommended that Seneca County hire a Countywide Solid Waste Manager who reports to Seneca County, not to Seneca Falls. Local Law #3 needs to be upheld. It's unconscionable for the present Board to vote for Local Law #2 and secede to the pressure of a corporation that has no interest in the quality of life for residents of Seneca County, and no moral commitment for the preservation of our environment.

Ken Camera: Ken Camera of Geneva stated this a regional issue which affects everybody in the region. His

view of government is that it's people first – people you represent that give you the framework in which they want you to operate the government. Businesses follow suit and operate under that framework. He thinks if a poll was done, most people are concerned with the smell. SMI has a direct impact on other businesses that are trying to make a living in the Town or region. Mr. Camera said he thinks it's people first, maybe partnerships second, and then after that corporations.

Kathleen Cole: Kathleen Cole stated they moved here in 1971 to a clean environment where they could play outside for hours, ate outside and sat outside for hours. At age 51, she depends on oxygen to breathe. The landfill impacts her health and the health of those she loves. Ms. Cole said the smell and emissions dictates whether or not she can get out of her car at the grocery store or Wal-Mart. That is not right.

Brad Ellis: Brad Ellis, Seneca Falls resident, stated we put ourselves in a position where we are sacrificing our health and quality of life to balance the budget. As a concerned Citizen, he encourages all to get help to replace the trash, and we will find a way to continue without the money. We are fortunate to live in a society where we have much more going for us. Let us shut it down and shut it down for good.

Daniele Wirth: Daniele Wirth, Vice President of Bonadent, stated she and her husband returned to Seneca Falls to work and raise a family. She expressed her support for Local Law #3. This is not the community that they originally signed up to live or do business in. The landscape of this Community is changing literally, and if we don't take bold steps we will continue to be reliant on garbage forever. Mrs. Wirth stated a vote in support of Local Law #3 does not have to mean job loss or higher taxes. It is not a vote against our Police Department or Recreation Center. Bonadent employees rely on us to make the right decisions, to steer a course for their future and ensure that their job is a career that will provide for their family's future. The Seneca Falls Community and Members of the Town Board should be no different. If the Board rescinds Local Law #3, things will not get better – it will only get worse. Mrs. Wirth asked in the best interest of our Community, our businesses and children, preserve Local Law #3.

Joseph Cordaro: Joseph Cordaro stated he was born and raised in Rochester, and when he got married, they moved to Arcadia to raise their children and was within four miles of the landfill. In 1990, he was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, and at that time, was given five years to live unless I had a transplant. After leaving Arcadia, he moved to Seneca Falls, and unbeknown to him, he was within four miles of this landfill. He said no one call tell him or anyone that these airborne particles is causing the same problem to someone else's heart. He lives on the Lake, and when he gets up in the morning he can't go outside for the smell. Mr. Cordaro said he would like something done about the odor.

Steve Churchill: Steve Churchill said please don't rescind Local Law #3. The Dump stinks; for some the smell is frequent and lingers longer. Breathing the fumes, in his opinion, is not safe. The dump has no right to violate his right to breathe clean, fresh air. Don't sell out this Town and its future for a few bags of gold. The current Host Agreement does nothing to protect us, and a new agreement will protect us no better. Mr. Churchill said the time to negotiate is over, and the time to compromise is past. He asked the Board to meet with the Dump one last time and tell them to go pound salt and we will see you in Court.

Kyle Black: Kyle Black, District Manager for SMI, stated he is making this statement in support of repeal of the Waste Disposal Law (Local Law #3). The Waste Disposal Law contains numerous baseless accusations of their operations. Seneca Meadows is a nationally recognized, award winning facility. The Waste Disposal Law claims eleven issues, such as air and water pollution, traffic noise, traffic safety, noise, dust, depressed property values and impacts on development of properties in the Town, without any factual or scientific evidence to support these allegations. Mr. Black said the landfill is making great strides in alleviating odors. Seneca Meadows commends the Town Board for recognizing, along with Seneca County Chamber of Commerce and other business-minded Community members, the urgent need to repeal the Waste Disposal Law. Mr. Black stated working together, we can do great things together for future generations.

Scott Turner: Scott Turner of Nixon Peabody LLP, representing Seneca Meadows, presented copies of Comments of Seneca Meadows, Inc. regarding repealing the Waste Disposal Law which was submitted to the Town Clerk. It contains copy of Kyle Black's statement of November 30, 2016 and Mr. Turner's letter, as well as SMI's materials from the record of November 30, 2016 Public Hearing. That submission made in November establishes without question the complete lack of support for the alleged findings and purposes of the Waste Disposal Law. The prior Town Board failed to consider findings which directly relate to SMI's operations and their alleged negative impacts on the Town. To the contrary, SMI submitted significant factual expert evidence rebutting the alleged findings. SMI has an outstanding record of compliance with DEC's environmental regulations. Mr. Turner said SMI has filed legal action seeking to vacate, annul and declare the Waste Disposal Law null and void. They intend to win that legal battle. However, if the Waste Disposal Law is repealed, the litigation and the Town's defense costs will be unnecessary. They urge the Town to repeal Local Law #3.

Steve Wilsey: Steve Wilsey, Principal in the Solid Waste Group of GHD, stated he has over 20 years of professional experience, much of his work centering on securing air permits for municipal solid waste landfills.

He has assisted Seneca Meadows in obtaining their Title 5 air permit, and various permit modifications for landfill expansions. Mr. Wilsey said Seneca Meadows is in compliance with the DEC. Seneca Meadows operates under an extremely stringent regulatory regime, and has an outstanding record in compliance. Based on his experience, including working over 20 years with Seneca Meadows and in his opinion, Mr. Wilsey said Seneca Meadows goes beyond standards to protect the environment.

Robert Holmes: Robert Holmes, Professional Engineer with Cornerstone Environmental, stated among the responsibilities of their Firm is to review various aspects of groundwater and stormwater quality monitoring programs. This study has findings accepted by the DEC. Seneca Meadows has consistently maintained an aggressive and proactive program monitoring surface and groundwater. Mr. Holmes said he reviewed the Local Law, and based on the exhaustive study and design of the site, there is not evidence of impacts to support Local Law #3's findings related to groundwater and surface water.

At 7:10 P.M., Mr. Lazzaro called for a 10 minute recess. The Public Hearing was back in session at 7:22 P.M.

Sally Eller: Sally Eller, President of the South Seneca Library Board, spoke of the good works Seneca Meadows does for south Seneca County. Residents of south Seneca County rely on libraries for services, such as space for support group meetings, use of computers, internet access and programs. Over the past ten years, Seneca Meadows has consistently given grants to the South Seneca libraries. These grants include supporting after school programs, summer programs for children and teens, books and media for all ages, computers for the public to use to access the internet, equipment such as copiers for the public to use, and building maintenance and repair needs. Ms. Eller stated there would be a great void for many of these services if they do not have the support of Seneca Meadows.

Dylan Paolicelli: Dylan Paolicelli of E. Bayard Street stated he still to this day, after a full year of mitigation efforts, smell the dump on a regular basis. He is against repealing Local Law #3. The Law that is in place protects the future of our Community members and our region. In terms of compromise, this Town has compromised long enough – at what point does the compromise end. As long as the landfill is operational, the only thing being compromised is our Town and our integrity. Mr. Paolicelli said please do what is right for our future, our families, kids and grandkids – vote no for Local Law #2.

Valerie Sandlas: Valerie Sandlas of Green Belt Circle referred to the Article 78 lawsuit and said this lawsuit is why we should not be considering a new local law; we need to keep Local Law #3. Let the Article 78 lawsuit go to Court and then we will know the true standing and power of Local Law #3. She said don't be bullied by Seneca Meadows. Seneca Meadows is not a local business; Waste Connections is based in Texas and Canada. They don't care about the Town of Seneca Falls or about us as human beings; they care about running the landfill indefinitely. We need Local Law #3, especially if it stands up in Court – it protects all of us and puts you and us in a power position and gives us control of our Town. Local Law #3 establishes a firm closure date eight years from now. It gives Seneca Meadows eight years to plan for closure. Mrs. Sandlas stated yes, there will be an economic cost in closing Seneca Meadows, but there is a far greater cost than money. You need to support Local Law #3.

Richard Paolicelli: Richard Paolicelli of Seneca Falls stated on March 17th, he and his wife walked out of Wal-Mart and gagged at the odor. They called the landfill and a few days later, they received a letter from the landfill saying no odor was detected at the complaint site. He observed that the supporters of the dump tonight have all been paid by Seneca Meadows and don't live in Seneca Falls. Mr. Paolicelli stated he supports the closing of the dump in 2025, and opposes any law that would change Local Law #3. He believes we should start weaning ourselves off the dirty money, and hopes the Board puts the health and well being of the Community first.

Susan Souhan: Susan Souhan of Gravel Road stated she is in support of Local Law #3 that closes Seneca Meadows in 2025. This is a challenge to the people of Seneca Falls and the Town Board to adjust their budgets over the next eight years so we don't depend on the money from Seneca Meadows. We have been known as the Birthplace of Women's Rights. She hopes that our name does not change and we do not become New York State's leading landfill. Ms. Souhan said she certainly does not want to be known as she is from the Dump Town.

Susan Avery: Susan Avery stated we have often heard that hindsight is 20-20, and she thinks we are in the process of living that right now. What she wants us to think about tonight is not the implication of what the landfill is doing for us now, but what it's doing for the future. She asked the Board to represent what they are here to represent – us. People you are representing are saying enough is enough.

Doug Avery: Doug Avery, Chair of the SF Environmental Action Committee, mentioned comments made by Board Members stating we cannot possibly move toward closure of Seneca Meadows until or unless we have an alternate waste management plan in place. Closure of the Landfill is eight years from now, and of course, we will have an alternate plan in place. He asked that Board Members stop using this as an excuse. He mentioned

that if you look around town, there are no signs in yards and no rallies that support Seneca Meadows. The only true, visible support are certain residents who are concerned about their tax rate. Mr. Avery referred to the Article 78 and said the Town's own legal Counsel stated Local Law #3 was done correctly – Local Law #3 is valid. He added if the Town desires to rescind Local Law #3, there is no need to do it now. Let a Judge determine if it was done correctly and legally passed.

Michael Warren Thomas – Michael Warren Thomas of Rochester stated Jack Doyle mentioned the Rigo Landfill which is no where near as big as Seneca Meadows; also, there are no schools near Rigo. The big issue here is Seneca Meadows is in the wrong place. He asked if New York City garbage the best that Seneca Falls can do, because that is what you will be known for. In 30-40 years, this landfill will still be operating if Local Law #3 is rescinded. Your legacy is what is going to be remembered in 30-40 years. Mr. Thomas said let things be as they are – 2025 is a compromise that is fair (it's what Kyle Black agreed to). That's what we should do.

Annette Lutz – Annette Lutz of Seneca Falls addressed some of the comments that were made tonight. Mr. Shipley said the message of Local Law #3 is that we are not open for business. Mrs. Lutz thinks the message is that the Town is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for residents and businesses. As to the Gentleman from Ducks Unlimited, she believes the dump had to make those wetlands because they displaced some of the wetlands. Mrs. Lutz referred to Mrs. Wirth's comments regarding the odor, and said they, too, had issues with the smell permeating their office (Waterloo Containers), with the birds ruining employees' cars and with people calling in sick. The Speakers here who supported rescinding Local Law #3 are either employed by or benefitted by the landfill's money. The rest of the Speakers here who voted for Local Law #3 are citizens of Seneca Falls and Seneca County. Where are the people who are in favor of the landfill – not work for the landfill or get money from the landfill. Mrs. Lutz said she is not here because the dump would not buy their property – she is here to ask the Board to take a good hard look at what you are doing. This is about the environment, not businesses or politics. There are no laws on the books except Local Law #3 that will protect our Town from landfills. The current Law will shut down this environmental nightmare in 2025. That gives the Board and future Boards eight years to design and implement a budget without landfill money.

Jim Sandlas – Jim Sandlas, a Financial Advisor for 20 years, stated the most important part of advising is setting up a financial plan. The Town of Seneca Falls has no plan – but the beginning of one. He mentioned that the landfill has money to donate to organizations to show they are a good neighbor. They openly talked about closing the landfill in 2025, but when Local Law #3 was passed, they sued, showing how good of a neighbor they really are and their true intention to never close. Mr. Sandlas said the Board should go to Court and get Local Law #3 validated. Please do not vote to rescind Local Law #3 and continue to put together a responsible fiscal plan for closure of the landfill in 2025. Local Law #3 is a good investment for Seneca Falls.

Leland Henry – Leland Henry of Waterloo said he opposes Local Law #2. Local Law #3 was passed and set a firm date for the landfill to cease operation with more than sufficient time for the Town and the Landfill to adjust to matters of closing. Seneca Falls is a proud Community of citizens who recognize and honor their heritage as the beginning of Women's suffrage. He told the Board it is their duty to vote and protect your Town and County because it really is all of us that are involved in your decision making. Let us regain our sense of pride - stop, re-think and plan a better future. It's time to put an end to this insanity – it's time for Seneca Meadows to close. Keep Local Law #3 and let Seneca Meadows fade in 2025. Vote no on Local Law #2.

Doug Zamelis – Attorney Doug Zamelis stated the current law – Local Law #3 – is a compromise. He drafted the first draft; the Town Board and Lawyers revised the Law – Local Law #3 is already a compromise. Despite its best efforts and millions of dollars, the landfill still cannot get its odor under control. It's a violation of the Town's zoning law. He asked what the Town Board is doing about the violation of that law – they are doing nothing about it. Mr. Zamelis said we will see whether this new Town Board is going to safeguard the future of this Town or be a shield for the dump and continue to do its bidding. He commented about Seneca Falls Little League refusing the landfill's check, and said he had a check for them after this Meeting. Mr. Zamelis appealed to the Board – please do not rescind Local Law #3.

Debra Roper – Debra Roper stated her question to the Gentleman who said he was an expert on odor and what is emitted from the landfill – does he live here day in and day out? She asked what is our worth – it's not always about money. Most of the people who spoke in support of Seneca Meadows have either been paid for by them or worked for them. She would rather pay more taxes than to have that go on indefinitely, affecting lives of my children and grandchildren. Mrs. Roper said the 2007 Host Community Agreement has the end date of 2025; Local Law #3 also details the end of Seneca Meadows as 2025. That gives workers 8 ½ years to find other employment. It gives Seneca Meadows 8 ½ years to wind down and figure out how they are going forward – maybe they can use the facility for something else. It gives the Town 8 ½ years to disassociate itself from the millions of dollars that are handed over. Mrs. Roper said this Town cannot afford unlimited garbage from all other towns. We have too much to lose here. You have to turn it around now while the results are still coming back okay according to the experts. Mrs. Roper respectfully suggested to the Town Board to uphold Local Law #3.

Susan Porter – Susan Porter of Seneca Falls stated she is here to reiterate her opposition to the long-term operation of a mega landfill in our Town without a specific end date. She supports Local Law #3 because it ties the landfill's closure to the expiration of the Host Agreement, giving the landfill and the Town time to plan for the financial ramifications. She recognizes that life without landfill funds and jobs will hurt many, but the alternative frightens her more. She mentioned some of her fears, such as continued growth of the landfill, continued financial dependence on a private, multi-billion dollar company whose first allegiance is to its own profit making abilities, and continued inequality based on this financial dependence. Many people may not feel they have a voice when it comes to speaking out. Others are starting to show their opposition through action even if they don't speak at this Hearing. Mrs. Porter said the benefits are no longer worth the cost of a divided town, financial dependence, a lower quality of life, stagnant or decreasing property values and potential environmental effects well into the future. She submitted 50+ letters to the Editor that appeared in the Finger Lakes Times, and requested that the Board read these letters. Mrs. Porter mentioned coming off the Thruway and smelling the odor. This is not what she wants to come home to, and not the first impression she wants for those who visit Seneca Falls with its groundbreaking history and beautiful surroundings. What happens with this landfill affects more than those speaking here tonight, but their voices matter, too. She hopes the Board will listen to them.

Bridget Benz: Bridget Benz stated she is frustrated because she has to come here from working for a 5 PM Meeting to try and speak and voice her opinion on something that has been discussed for months. I have to wonder what everybody's agenda is. Nobody can make a decision. It's frustrating that we have to leave our health, our children's health up in the air. She is tired of this being a circus. Ms. Benz said she cannot believe the resources we have in this Community that have come together to take this on. The dump is going to say what the dump is going to say – they are not going to give up without a fight. Nobody was monitoring the Host Agreement. Ms. Benz stated we are grown adults and we have responsibility to our Community and our children to keep them safe and healthy.

Pam Lewis – Pam Lewis of Seneca Falls stated as far as people speaking, there was an election and a new Town Board was chosen. The previous Board pushed Local Law #3 through to get their agenda put in place before they were out of office. As far as people saying they have 8 years to find jobs - there are not a lot of jobs in Seneca Falls and this Community. If you push out a business that employs about 100 people and supports other local businesses, you are pushing a lot of people out of work. As far as SF Little League giving the money back, you are only hurting the children in the Community because the adults are being greedy. Ms. Lewis said this is the Board that the majority of the people chose. This Community needs to come together instead of fighting each other. Local Law #3 should be rescinded because local businesses should not be able to tell a business when they should be shut down.

Lucas Riegel – Lucas Riegel stated he is an employee of BonaDent and one of the people that gets to smell the dump regularly. We are a community that cares so much about our health. We cannot be emotional about it or passionate about it. We have heard a lot from experts who spoke on the safety of the dump. They are all people who have worked or have financially benefited from the dump. Mr. Riegel said we have a lot to be skeptical about when the only people saying that there is nothing to worry about as far as health affects from the dump are being paid by the dump. Someone said our County has the highest rate of cancer in New York State – that needs to be looked into. As far as the comment about losing jobs, Mr. Riegel said in the Town, Seneca Meadows is not within the top ten employers.

Mr. Lazzaro thanked everyone for coming to the Hearing.

Being there were no further comments, a motion was made to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:55 P.M. by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Tom Ruzicka. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk

