

For Release: **IMMEDIATE**, Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Contact: John A. Graziano, Jr., (518) 463-8644 ext. 120, john@caphill.com

**SHEEHAN ENDORSED FOR SUPERVISOR,
OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SET FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 5**
Sheehan to lead a slate of candidates for Colonie offices

Denise Sheehan today received the endorsement for Colonie Town Supervisor from the Town of Colonie Republican Committee. This announcement comes after weeks of mounting support for Sheehan to become the next Town Supervisor in Colonie. Sheehan joins two incumbents, Town Clerk, Elizabeth “Liz” Deltorto and Town Justice, Peter Crummy, as well as three new Town Board candidates, Peter Molinaro, Kevin Halburian, and Tom Jasiewicz, on the Republican-endorsed slate.

Sheehan recognizes the challenges currently facing Colonie, and acknowledges that a change in leadership is needed to take Colonie into the future. “I am honored to receive the Republican endorsement for Town of Colonie Supervisor,” said Sheehan. “The response I have been receiving from families, community groups, and small business owners has been overwhelming. They share my concerns about the worsening financial condition of the town, the current administration’s lack of transparency and responsiveness, and its focus on the politics of the past.”

“I’m running for Town Supervisor because we need a leader who is capable of responsible budgeting, willing to bring transparency to town governance, committed to hiring qualified professionals and focused on the future of the town. I look forward to bringing honest leadership to Colonie.”

A life long resident of the Capital Region, Sheehan has over 20 years of managerial experience in various capacities in government and nonprofits, including nearly 10 years with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), two of these as its Commissioner. At the DEC, Sheehan led the agency’s approximately 3,500 employees, managed a \$950 million annual budget, and oversaw its statewide operations. While Commissioner, Sheehan developed a reputation for a her common sense approach to successfully balancing the Department’s responsibilities of protecting the environment and public health with New York’s business and economic development goals.

Sheehan has several years of experience in public budgeting and finance having worked in the State Division of the Budget for more than 10 years. Sheehan also served briefly as the Director of Planning and Economic Development for the Town of Colonie where she furthered her experience in local government, planning, and economic development. For the past three years Denise has managed the operations of a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting businesses and other organizations become more sustainable.

The candidates were selected following an open interview process and a unanimous vote by the Town Republican Committee. Colonie Town Republican Chairman John Graziano, Jr.,

cited the unity of the town party on its slate of candidates and also recognized the efforts of each candidate's past achievements and their qualifications to lead Colonie into the future under a common vision.

“At a time when the Town of Colonie needs a trusted leader with a fresh vision for the future, Denise is stepping up to fill that role,” said Graziano. “Her honesty, competence, and proven experience make Denise the ideal Supervisor for our great town. The Town Republican Committee is proud to endorse Denise Sheehan and our entire team of candidates as we look forward to January 2012 when we will start a new day for Colonie.”

Other new faces joining Sheehan include Town Board candidates Peter Molinaro, Kevin Halburian, and Tom Jasiewicz. Molinaro, a volunteer firefighter and former school board president from Menands, brings years of private sector experience providing strategic and organizational advice to Fortune 500 businesses, non profit associations, and government enterprises. Halburian is a teacher at Colonie High School, and has been actively involved in a number of community groups and organizations geared toward advancing students both academically and athletically. Jasiewicz, a volunteer member of the Verdoy Fire Department, brings experience building and running a small technology business, a talent he hopes to translate to effective government reform and innovation.

Joining this team are Elizabeth “Liz” Deltorto, who is seeking her eight term for Town Clerk. Deltorto recognizes the honor and pleasure of serving the residents of Colonie and will strive to continue improving efficiency and communication with town residents. Peter Crummeay is also seeking re-election for Town Justice, a post he has proudly served in since 1999.

An official campaign kick-off announcement will be held Sunday, June 5, at 1 p.m., location to be determined. Sheehan and the team of Colonie candidates will be introduced to the public during this formal campaign kickoff and be available to the media immediately following the event.

###