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MAHAN BULLDOZES THROUGH 25 YEAR SECRET LANDFILL DEAL

Candidate for Colonie Town Supervisor, Denise Sheehan, who spent a combined total of 20 years at the state Division of Budget and the state Department of Environmental Conservation, today said the Town Board's vote to approve the Mahan administration's plan to turn over operations of the town's landfill to Waste Connections, Inc., will negatively impact town residents for years to come.

"From a financial standpoint and from a taxpayer standpoint, this 25-year deal will hurt the Town for decades. Although this could serve as a short-term quick-fix to address the Town's current deficit, in the long-term, the Town will lose money under this deal. Supervisor Mahan hasn't shown how this deal will lead to long-term fiscal stability," said Sheehan, who urged the Town Board to vote against the plan.

"This agreement does nothing other than camouflage the current administration's failure to close a \$22 million deficit and that is the bottom line. The deal is analogous to cashing in your retirement savings to pay off your credit cards. It will simply exacerbate our financial problems in the future."

On top of the financial loss to the Town, businesses and homeowners will pay more for their trash disposal as a result of this deal. Sheehan continued, "This deal will allow Waste Connections to significantly influence the waste disposal market in the Capital Region, allowing rates to increase dramatically on homeowners and businesses."

Like many of her neighbors, Sheehan believes the Town's financial problems are a direct result of overspending. "The Town of Colonie needs a supervisor who is an experienced chief executive officer who can balance the budget, and deliver open, honest and transparent government to the residents of the Town of Colonie. If we continue on this financial roller coaster, in just a few short years, we will be right back to where we are now – looking for another asset to pawn."

The public was first informed of the deal on July 13th. The Town provided only limited details of the deal to the public. The Mahan administration denied Sheehan's requests under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), for a copy of the contract that was approved at the Town board meeting.

For more information on Denise Sheehan, please visit her [website](#).

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