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SHEEHAN SAYS LANDFILL DEAL STINKS, CALLS ON BOARD TO VOTE “NO”

Former state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner and candidate for Colonie Town Supervisor, Denise Sheehan, today called on the members of the Colonie Town Board to vote “no” on the Mahan administration’s plan to turn over operations of the Town’s landfill to California’s Waste Connections, Inc.. The vote is expected to take place at a meeting of the Town Board on Thursday, July 28.

“Simply put, this deal stinks. There has been very little public disclosure on this deal, but from the few details that have been shared with us, the deal is financially unsound and will not bring long-term stability to the Town’s finances. This plan does not benefit or protect Colonie residents – it does not provide protection from rising trash disposal rates and essentially gives up a valuable revenue-generating asset for a fraction of its worth,” said Sheehan, who has extensive experience working on waste management issues during her ten years at the DEC as well as 10 years of public budgeting experience with the New York State Budget Division.

Sheehan continued, “Colonie residents and businesses, who will be particularly hurt with this plan, were shut out of the process just as they were with Mahan’s so-called one-time tax hike in 2008. That money was so poorly mismanaged that the Town is now facing a deficit of over \$21 million. To camouflage this issue, Mahan now has concocted this landfill deal to cover up her fiscal irresponsibility. It’s a Band-Aid solution with no long term benefits for the Town, its residents or businesses.”

“I know from my 20 years of experience that fiscal stability is not achieved through one-shot asset sell-offs. We can only get there through a well thought-out concerted effort to bring spending in line with revenues. The Town’s financial roller coaster ride needs to end. I strongly encourage the board members to vote ‘no’ on Thursday,” said Sheehan.

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

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