

Dear Fellow Seneca Falls Taxpayer:

Earlier this summer, The Finger Lakes Times ran an op-ed where I challenged the Seneca Falls Town Board to be honest and transparent about their scheme to replace \$3 million in revenue from our Host Community Agreement. According to a recent report by the FL Times, those conversations are well under way (Work on 2022 Town Budget Continues, Tax Hikes Possible 7/29).

According to the report, **“The Town Board met with a budget committee, led by Town Board member Doug Avery, and reviewed scenarios – all involving tax increases.”**

Doug Avery, Dave DeLelys and Steve Churchill have proven their solution to the Town of Seneca Falls taxpayers is to raise our taxes.

Over and over again, Avery, DeLelys, and Churchill have led the effort to increase taxes on hard-working families and seniors living in Seneca Falls. Isn't it time to ask them if they really need to raise taxes?

Seneca Meadows has lived up to our side of the bargain. We deliver more than \$3 million per year to Seneca Falls and continue allowing free disposal to all Town of Seneca Falls taxpayers per our Host community Agreement. We've also offered to increase those payments to \$5 million per year. Avery and DeLelys have rejected this offer. Has it occurred to them that an additional \$2 million could eliminate the need for tax hikes?

**The report goes on to say the Budget Committee recommended a property tax increase of 18 percent in 2022, and then by 5 to 6 percent for the next three years.**

**Raising property taxes by almost 20 percent! And it won't stop there. We know those tax hikes will be followed by cuts in services. Funds will be eliminated for things like the police department, the Community Center, and Vince's Park.**