

**Public Hearing**  
**SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**June 16, 2016 at 1:40PM**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Alvarez at 2:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated Mr. Steingart not present.

The Clerk distributed the following legal notice:

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been duly presented and introduced at a meeting of the Legislature of the County of Sullivan, New York, held on May 19, 2016, a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law to exceed the New York State Property Tax Cap for 2017."

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Legislature of the County of Sullivan will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid proposed Local Law at the Legislature's Hearing Room, County Government Center, Monticello, New York, 12701, on June 16, 2016 at 1:40 p.m. at which time all persons interested will be heard.

DATED: May 19, 2016

ANNMARIE MARTIN  
Clerk of the Legislature  
County of Sullivan, New York

At this point, Mr. Steingart joined the public hearing at 2:31PM.

Chairman Alvarez recognized the following speakers:

1. Barbara Lerner – see attached comment
2. Kathie Aberman – see attached comment
3. Kitty Vetter
4. John Beasley
5. Linda Reik (see attached comment)
6. Chris Leser
7. Diane Mestanza
8. Tom Manza
9. Ken Walter

**\*\*\*\*Also attached are emails received against and for the New Sullivan County Jail and Override the Tax Cap**

**Adjournment**

There being no further comments Mr. McCarthy made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Steingart. The public hearing was declared closed at 3:09PM.

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ANNMARIE MARTIN, Clerk of the Legislature

**LETTERS OPPOSING OVERRIDING TAX CAP FOR NEW S.C. JAIL**

Maria Grimaldi

Florence LaPolit-Goldfarb

Sean Zigmund

Michael Chojnicki, Architect

Mrs. Lynn O'Connor

Patricia Kahn

Paul Henshaw

Tabetha Unser

John and Paula Kania

Gary Cormier

Victoria Smith

Kerry Lynn Huber

Priscilla Bassett and Heidi Schneider

Barbara Lerner

Ines and Jose Rodriguez

Michael and Denise Connolly

Linda Reik

Edward Magio

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Kathie Aberman  
37 Delaware Ave.  
Liberty, NY 12754

June 16, 2016

Sullivan County Legislators  
100 North Street  
Monticello, NY12701

Attention: AnnMarie Martin

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To all Sullivan County Legislators:

According to the 2012 Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress study, there are many reasons to reconsider the current 254-cell plan for a new jail, which represents the largest potential single expenditure of capital dollars in the county's history, without the creation of one new job, and may actually result in a reduction in employment.

Much of Sullivan's population of 75,000 is socio-economically stressed. Population forecasts expect no growth, and currently we are seeing a decline. The only age group forecast to increase are seniors 65 and older, who can least afford further tax increases. On the other hand, younger age groups, 15-44, generally responsible for most crime, are shrinking.

The county is in a bad position to fund new public buildings, and these severe economic restraints should impel out-of-the-box thinking to meet public safety needs and not bankrupt our most vulnerable citizens. The Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CFFEO) aims to help eight county governments to minimize further new construction and reduce jail-operating costs through collaborative efforts.

I am not going to talk about the State COC formula to determine the size jail needed, except to say that, other than a few rare occasions, the state's demand has been consistently higher than justified by our jail census. This has been an issue for many counties in NYS.

Indisputably, we need to do something, but Pattern for Progress encourages us to explore alternatives to building a new jail in accord with SCOC recommendations. We can request to build to reasonable size, in alignment with historic pretrial detainee population levels. We can collaborate with neighboring counties and the state, consistent with regional recommendation in the CRREO

report. We could collaborate with the state by using other, pre-existing facilities. We could break new ground by building a much smaller facility, utilizing these strategies:

- Reclassification
- Boarding out at peak times
- Alternatives to Incarceration

ATI includes:

- Expanding drug courts (average cost \$1,500 - \$11,000 per person/per year) and mental health courts
- Electronic monitoring (average cost \$5 – 15 per person/per day)
- Community corrections (average cost \$20 per person/per day up to \$6,000 a year for intensive supervision)
- Restitution and community service
- Restorative justice

The last I looked, incarceration here costs \$227 per inmate, per day, or \$82,855 per year. The alternatives are more effective and humane, and much more cost-effective.

Most of all, there needs to be vigorous, open discussion of all the options, so that the public is educated about the choices and can feel that the Legislature is also educated, informed, and making a decision in the best interest of ALL the stakeholders.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathie Aberman

Barbara Lerner  
97 Rockland Road  
Roscoe, NY 12776

June 16, 2016

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Attn AnnMarie Martin

Please make these comments part of the Public Record and include these in the Minutes for the Public Hearing on June 16, 2016. This is the basic transcript for my public comments.

Resolution 224-16 calls the new law:  
"A LOCAL LAW TO EXCEED THE NEW YORK STATE TAX CAP FOR 2017".  
The public hearing notice from May 19 uses the same terminology.

The Management and Budget Committee agenda from June 9th, leaves off the year and changes the name to:  
"A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO OVERRIDE THE NEW YORK STATE TAX CAP".  
This is the same terminology used on the Executive Committee Agenda for June 16, 2016

This is a significant change in wording and implies that the Tax Cap can be exceeded not only for 2017 but for every year after.

The record should reflect disparities between the public hearing notice and the legislative meeting agenda; and the difference may very well have led to confusion for those residents interested in your attempt to significantly raise taxes for a project that is well over sized and is inconsistent with demographic realities of crime. Nevertheless, despite the substantive flaws in what you have proposed, I suggest that the inconsistent public notices, first the notice and then the agenda, should require you to re-notice this hearing.

Even today, the Monthly Committee cover page listed the Executive Committee meeting at 12:30 when the Agenda lists it at 11:30. If you came at 12:30, you would have missed the Discussion relevant to any public comment you may have wished to make.

On May 19, 2016, the Executive Committee adopted 2 resolutions that will impact our taxes. Resolution 223 authorizes the issuance of \$95,000,000 in bonds to pay for the new Jail Complex. Resolution 224 sets the date for the public hearing to enact a new Local Law to Exceed the Property Tax Cap for 2017. The legislators' website posted the wrong date for this critically important

meeting and public hearing. The correction was finally made but it was less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Per the New York State Department of State....."municipal officials should regard open meeting procedures as serving more than just the State's objective of keeping local government business open to the public. These procedures give the public the full opportunity to observe and to participate in its own governance, and they help confirm the local government's accountability to its constituents. In addition, fairness in applying hearing procedures results in proper accord for the rights of all parties, a better airing of public opinion on community issues, and ultimately greater public confidence in the decisional process".

This has not been an open process. The Agenda for most of the meetings contain only a one line description of what will be discussed. The meeting minutes are posted more than 30 days after and never include the discussion or comments from the public. Since the new legislators were not at all of these meetings, they have no idea what was discussed or what public comments were made unless they took the time to listen to every recording of every meeting that took place over the years. None of the meetings are held when most people can attend so the vast majority of your constituents have no opportunity to voice their opinion or read what actually was discussed since there is no record readily available. This is not open government.

It was explained that the \$95,000,000 would be split into 2 separate, equal bonds. The first \$47,500,000 bond would be issued for the 2017 tax year and the second \$47,500,000 bond would be issued for 2018. Resolution 224 to override the tax cap appears to only address the first bond. What assurances do we have that we won't have to raise the Tax Cap again for 2018?

Section 2 of Resolution 223 states: IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED THAT THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF THE AFORESAID SPECIFIC OBJECT OR PURPOSE IS \$95,000,000.... Both paid consultants disagree. LaBella states that there would likely be an additional 10% and probably more in contingencies. Hill International estimated the cost to be \$103,000,000. Stating the maximum estimate is \$95,000,000 is at best inaccurate and at worst, deceptive.

I'd like to remind you of a resolution that was adopted in 2008

Resolution 250-08

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager is authorized and directed to proceed with the conduct of the requisite environmental review, acquisition of land, design and construction of a 303 bed new jail facility, at the most efficient and cost-mitigated manner as possible, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any property tax increase necessary to fund this unfunded state mandate be listed as a separate line on the county property tax bills for the purpose of the requisite environmental review, acquisition of land, design and construction of a 303 bed new jail facility.

**Moved by Mrs. Binder, seconded by Mrs. LaBuda** put to a vote with Mr. Wood absent, unanimously carried as amended **and declared duly adopted on motion** June 19, 2008.

Not only have cost cutting measures NOT been implemented but THERE IS NO LINE ITEM on my tax bill THAT SAYS "JAIL" and we have already paid for the land and associated costs and for a substantial portion of the design.

In 2013, former Legislative Chairman, Scott Samuelson responded to a report from the State Comptroller's office. He stated ..... "incurring over \$80M in new debt at the present time will cause the county significant financial harm including untenable tax increases and a downgrade in its bond rating. This will further exacerbate Sullivan's fiscal stress, make it more expensive to operate the government and provide services to the public, increase the cost of all future borrowing and deter economic development"..... Our economy has not improved since then. He was right then and his response is still right now.

The first shovel is not yet in the ground. There is still time to modify the design to incorporate cost saving measures. A few include reducing the size of the support services pavilion and Sheriff's Road Patrol or perhaps relocating the sheriff's road patrol to a fully renovated portion of the old jail, or building a second story on the support services pavilion and Sheriff's Road Patrol and making the footprint smaller. There is always a way to reduce the cost. You just have to be willing to consider the options.

Respectfully



Barbara Lerner

**Martin, AnnMarie**

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**From:** MARIA GRIMALDI <pantherrock@hughes.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 8:43 AM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** Legislative letter  
**Attachments:** SCJail.pdf

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Hi Annmarie,  
Please enter the attached letter for public comment at tomorrow's meeting regarding the SC Jail.  
Thank you,  
Maria Grimaldi



June 14, 2016

Sullivan County Legislators  
100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

Attn: AnnMarie Martin  
annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us

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The issuing of bonds, which includes substantial interest, creates a thirty (30) year debt and will increase taxes, not for one (1) year, but for each year until the debt is paid. In fact, our taxes will not go back down. Furthermore, this debt is being unjustifiably created without consideration of the many cost savings alternatives suggested by numerous independent studies and public input.

While other communities around the state will be enjoying tax relief, we will be getting more tax grief. Property taxes are already too high. If the legislature is overriding the protection of the State Tax Cap Program, this decision should not be made without soliciting vigorous community discussion in a transparent and open forum, held at different times when more people can attend.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Grimaldi  
148 Hardenburgh Road  
Livingston Manor, NY 12758  
Town of Callicoon

## Martin, AnnMarie

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**From:** Cissy Rogers <cissy\_rogers@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 9:00 AM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** New county jail/taxes

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Sent from my iPhone June 14, 2016

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Monticello, NY 12701

Attn: AnnMarie Martin

[annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us)

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Respectfully submitted,

Florence LaPolt-Goldfarb

109 Starlight Road

Town of Thompson

Monticello, NY 12701

## Martin, AnnMarie

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**From:** Sean Zigmund <sean@zigmund.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 5:51 PM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** Comments for hearing on June 16th at 1:40pm

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June 14, 2016  
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100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701  
Attn: AnnMarie Martin  
[annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us)

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I am writing to express my opposition to, and to protest any Local Law enacted to, exceed the New York State Property Tax Cap for 2017 that I understand is open for public comment on June 16th. The State Property Tax Cap Law encourages local governments to generate long-term tax relief for New York State taxpayers, by sharing services, consolidating or merging, and demonstrating and implementing operational efficiencies. It is my understanding that these practices are not being implemented in Sullivan County and that the Legislature has adopted two (2) resolutions that will substantially increase property owner's taxes in Sullivan County.

Resolution 223 authorizes the issuance of \$95,000,000 in bonds to pay for the new Jail Complex. Resolution 224 sets the date for the public hearing to enact a new Local Law to Exceed the New York State Property Tax Cap for 2017, which I vehemently oppose. Our taxes are beyond high enough!

The issuing of bonds, which includes substantial interest, creates a thirty (30) year debt and will increase taxes, not for one (1) year, but for each year until the debt is paid. In fact, our taxes will not go back down after the debt is paid, so it is a guarantee of long term property taxation increase. Furthermore, this debt is being unjustifiably created without consideration of the many cost savings alternatives suggested by numerous independent studies and public input related to the jail project.

While other communities around the state will be enjoying tax relief, we will be getting more tax ***grief***. Property taxes are already too high and if the legislature is overriding the protection of the State Tax Cap Program, this decision should not be made without soliciting ***vigorous community discussion in a transparent and open forum***, held at different times when more people can attend. The fate of the county's citizens should be better handled by our legislature. We are a financially depressed community and this will only make our lives worse.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sean Zigmund  
Root n' Roost Farm  
845-292-9126 (home/farm)  
802-318-1438 (cell)

**Martin, AnnMarie**

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**From:** Michael Chojnicki <mchojnicki33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 5:04 AM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** New Jail and Taxes Increase  
**Attachments:** Jail Opposition Letter\_6.14.16.docx

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Ann Marie,

Attached is a letter in opposition to the new jail and increase in taxes to pay for it that will raise the them above the NY State Property Tax Cap for 2017. This move must be widely opened up for discussion with the public prior to any action taken.

Respectably submitted,  
Michael

Michael Chojnicki, Architect  
272 Behr Road  
Jeffersonville, NY 12748  
phone:845-887-4181  
cell:845-701-1887  
[mchojnicki33@gmail.com](mailto:mchojnicki33@gmail.com)

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Respectfully submitted,

Michael Chojnicki  
272 Behr Road  
Jeffersonville, NY 12748

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## Martin, AnnMarie

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**From:** Lynn OConnor <tarakeeper@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 4:13 PM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** taxes

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June 12, 2016

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[annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us)

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People up here are paying high enough taxes as it stands now. We really can't afford any higher.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Lynn O'Connor  
2023 Old Route 17  
Roscoe, ny

**Martin, AnnMarie**

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**From:** Pat Kahn <pk3292@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 10:08 AM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** Property Tax Override

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Respectfully,

Patricia Kahn  
766 Roosa Gap Road  
Bloomingburg, NY 12721

**Martin, AnnMarie**

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**From:** paullnyc@gmail.com on behalf of Paul <paul@rarefunk.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 11:38 AM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** RE: State Property Tax Cap

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Respectfully,

Paul Henshaw  
476 Lt Brender Hwy  
Ferndale NY 12734



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**From:** tabetha Unser <tabethayager@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 11:41 AM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** Opposition to protest any local law to remove the tax cap in sullivan count

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Respectfully,

Tabetha Unser  
2550 2nd Ave

Schenectady NY 12303

[Tabethayager@gmail.com](mailto:Tabethayager@gmail.com)

**Martin, AnnMarie**

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**From:** Paula Kania <paula.kania@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 11:48 AM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** State Property Tax Cap 2017

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Respectfully,

John And Paula Kania  
3 Valley View Dr  
Middletown, NY  
Town of Mamakating

**Martin, AnnMarie**

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**From:** garyCinstrumentals <garycmusic@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 11:19 AM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** Protest Local Law to exceed the New York State Property Tax Cap for 2017

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June 12, 2016

Sullivan County Legislators  
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Monticello, NY 12701

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[annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us)

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Respectfully,

Gary Cormier, Jeffersonville, NY

**Martin, AnnMarie**

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**From:** Victoria Smith <vsmith3415@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 11:36 AM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** Proposal to end tax cap

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Respectfully,

Victoria Smith  
Homeowner, Livingston Manor, NY 12758

## Martin, AnnMarie

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**From:** KERRYLYNN HUBER <845huber@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 1:14 PM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** Tax Cap

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Respectfully,

KerryLynn Huber  
461 Burlingham Road  
Bloomingburg, NY 12721

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SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Respectfully submitted,

Russella Bassett and Heidi Schneider,  
Co-Chairs of SLAC The Senior Legislative  
Action Committee on behalf of our  
executive board.

Barbara Lerner  
97 Rockland Road  
Roscoe, NY 12776

June 15, 2016

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[annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us)

SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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To all Sullivan County Legislators:

Resolution 224-16 calls the new law:  
"A LOCAL LAW TO EXCEED THE NEW YORK STATE TAX CAP FOR 2017".  
The public hearing notice from May 19 uses the same terminology.

The Management and Budget Committee agenda from June 9th, leaves off the year and changes the name to:  
"A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO OVERRIDE THE NEW YORK STATE TAX CAP".  
This is the same terminology used on the Executive Committee Agenda for June 19, 2016

This is a significant change in that the new wording leaves off the year and seems to allow the tax cap to be exceeded not only for 2017 but for every year after.

The record should reflect disparities between the public hearing notice and the legislative meeting agenda; and the difference may very well have led to confusion for those residents interested in your attempt to significantly raise taxes for a project that is well over sized and is inconsistent with demographic realities of crime. Nevertheless, despite the substantive flaws in what you have proposed, I suggest that the inconsistent public notices, first the notice and then the agenda, should require you to re-notice this hearing.

On May 19, 2016, the Executive Committee of the Legislature adopted 2 resolutions that will impact our taxes. Resolution 223 authorizes the issuance of \$95,000,000 in bonds to pay for the new Jail Complex. Resolution 224 sets the date for the public hearing to enact a new Local Law to Exceed the New York

State Property Tax Cap for 2017. The legislators' website posted the wrong date for this critically important meeting and public hearing. The correction was finally made but it was less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Per the New York State Department of State....."municipal officials should regard open meeting procedures as serving more than just the State's objective of keeping local government business open to the public. These procedures give the public the full opportunity to observe and to participate in its own governance, and they help confirm the local government's accountability to its constituents. In addition, fairness in applying hearing procedures results in proper accord for the rights of all parties, a better airing of public opinion on community issues, and ultimately greater public confidence in the decisional process".

This has not been an open process. The Agenda for most of the meetings contain only a one line description of what will be discussed. The meeting minutes are posted more than 30 days after and never include the discussion or comments from the public. Since the new legislators were not at all of these meetings, they have no idea what was discussed or what public comments were made. None of the meetings are held when most people can attend so the vast majority of your constituents have no opportunity to voice their opinion or read what actually was discussed since there is no record. This is not open government.

It was explained that the \$95,000,000 would be split into 2 separate, equal bonds. The first \$47,500,000 bond would be issued for the 2017 tax year and the second \$47,500,000 bond would be issued for 2018. Resolution 224 to override the tax cap appears to only addresses the first bond. What assurances do we have that we won't have to raise the Tax Cap again for 2018?

The construction of the casino and resort will likely trigger a reassessment of property values throughout the county within the next 2-5 years. While the increase may be 5% on the 2017 value, when combined with the likely reassessment and potential to override the Property Tax Cap again when the second half of the \$95,000,000 bond is issued in 2018, the impact on property taxes in Sullivan will become untenable.

Section 2 of the Resolution 223 states: IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED THAT THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF THE AFORESAID SPECIFIC OBJECT OR PURPOSE IS \$95,000,000.... Both paid consultants disagree. LaBella states that there would likely be an additional 10% and probably more in contingencies. Hill International estimated the cost to be \$103,000,000. Stating the maximum estimate is 95,000,000 is at best inaccurate and at worst, deceptive.

In 2012, The Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress did a case study for the Sullivan County Jail. This study analyzes many of the costs associated with



the construction a new facility in addition to jail population trends and working with other counties to board out inmates if necessary. In this case study, they state that a proposed 70 – 80 million dollar plan could increase property taxes by 10% or more. This is double the amount the County Manager has indicated

They go on to say in #5 of their conclusions. "There is uncertainty about the linkage between decisions on capacity and projected capital and operating costs. For example, further analysis should be applied to cost savings discussed in June 2010 when it was agreed a 48 bed pod would be removed from the 2009 plan to save 5 million, when clearly more could be saved in shrinking more of the common areas supporting the larger population." They go on to say "The decision to delete one pod from the 2009 design to save \$5 million doesn't go far enough; common areas should be downsized as well." If the proposed pod design anticipates reducing the number of people needed to operate the jail, how can you justify increasing the non-incarceration portion to the size it is in the current proposal? What will become of the old jail? It is much larger than what is needed for record storage as was once suggested. Has the cost of renovation or remediation been considered?

In 2013, former Legislative Chairman, Scott Samuelson responded to a report from the State Comptroller's office. He stated ..... "incurring over \$80M in new debt at the present time will cause the county significant financial harm including untenable tax increases and a downgrade in its bond rating. This will further exacerbate Sullivan's fiscal stress, make it more expensive to operate the government and provide services to the public, increase the cost of all future borrowing and deter economic development"..... He was right then and his response is still right now.

The first shovel is not yet in the ground. There is still time to modify the design to incorporate cost saving measures from reducing the size of the support services pavilion and Sheriff's Road Patrol or perhaps relocating the sheriff's road patrol to a fully renovated portion of the old jail to building a second story on the support services pavilion and Sheriff's Road Patrol and making the footprint smaller. There are ways to reduce the cost. You just have to be willing to consider the options.

Respectfully,



Barbara Lerner

## Martin, AnnMarie

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**From:** Kathie Aberman <kmaberman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 8:01 PM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** Letter to the Legislature

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Respectfully,

Ines and Jose Rodriquez  
36 Delaware Ave.  
Liberty, NY 12754

**Martin, AnnMarie**

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**From:** Denise Connolly <deniserobin1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 8:38 PM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** State Property Tax Cap

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Michael and Denise Connolly  
Town of Bethel

## **Martin, AnnMarie**

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**From:** Linda 845.439.5433 \_ <lmreik@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 9:08 AM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Cc:** Linda Reik  
**Subject:** Please enter this comment into our Sullivan County Legislature's public hearing on June 16, 2016.

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**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Linda Reik**  
**Citizen Resident**  
**P.O. Box 423**  
**Youngsville, NY 12791**

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**LETTERS IN FAVOR OF NEW S.C. JAIL**

Regina Coulter

Amanda Crumley

Jessica Larf

Christina Milk

Amber C. Welton

Roxanne Lace

Erin Allesar

Penny Ackerman

Robert Taylor

Darlene Kurtz

Jon Kurtz

Anthony Skow

Janet Calangelo

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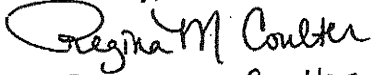
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Sincerely,

  
Regina M Coulter  
250 County Rt. 164  
Callicoon, NY 12723

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Amarda Cumley  
517 Bristol Rd  
Green Lake NY 12783



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*Jessica Laip*  
PO Box 91  
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Amber C. Welton  
90 County Road 164  
Jeffersonville, NY 12748

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Monticello, NY 12701

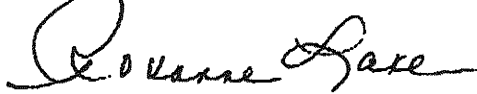
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PO Box 45

Roseton, N.Y.

12776

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Sincerely,

*Evan Alessin*  
*25 Community Rd*  
*Woodbourne NY 12788*

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100 North St  
Monticello, NY 12701

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38 Lansbury Rd.  
Cochecton, NY 12726

**Martin, AnnMarie**

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**From:** Rob Taylor <rtaylor932@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 8:05 PM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** Jail Project Support

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Sincerely,

Robert J Taylor  
PO BOX 91  
Cochecton NY 12726

## DARLENE KURTZ

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84 Clintonia Way  
Cochecton, NY 12726  
(845)-252-3921

June 15, 2016

Sullivan County Legislature  
100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

RE: Letter in Support of New County Jail.

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Sincerely,

Darlene Kurtz

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## JON KURTZ

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 4:54 PM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** Letter in Support of New County Jail

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Anthony Skow  
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**Martin, AnnMarie**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 10:44 PM  
**To:** Martin, AnnMarie  
**Subject:** Attn. Legislator Teri Ward-New jail support

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Dear Mrs. Ward,

I know the cost of a new jail is a large purchase for the County. I have seen recent negative comments that it may exceed the 2% tax cap in order to pay for this. There are a few reasons as to why I support the purchase of the new jail.

1) I am a Correction Officer that has been employed at the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office-jail division for almost 17 years. The conditions of the current jail are deplorable. Yes, the jail holds criminals, but some of those individuals are innocent awaiting trial. The job as a Correction Officer is not an easy one by no means but to add to these conditions. No heat in the winter causing Officers to wear multiple layers of clothing to get through their shifts. They get sick causing call outs and mandations causing over tired officers. Inches of ice on the inside of the windows, heating system barely blowing warm air. In summer months leaving in soaking wet uniforms from no air conditioning or air movement. Getting heat exhaustion.

Having sewer pipes back up for days and walking through inches of sewer water.

Stairs in areas disintegrating, losing electric frequently, boiler system breaking constantly. Breathing in dirty stale air.

These are just a few things. Yes, I chose this job but that don't mean I should work in such conditions.

2) I have been to County meetings in the past on the jail issue. I have read reports & studies that show if this was built years ago, the cost would not be so high. But as everything has risen, so has the cost to build a new jail. If the purchase of a new jail continues to be brushed off and pushed aside, what will the cost be when The Commission of Corrections shuts our current one down, and forces us to build a new one. Now is time to build.

Build a large enough jail to house inmates in, take federal inmates and this will help with the cost.

So as a tax payer, I fully support the purchase of a new jail, I ask you and your fellow Legislators to do the right thing and move forward with the funding for this project.

Sincerely  
Janet Calangelo  
Jeffersonville, NY