

## More thoughts from Town Board candidate Anthony Formisano:

A) Town Transfer tax, should be reduced or eliminated. The transfer tax definition; the buyer of real estate / property has to pay a 2% fee or tax on any amount above the median price of a home, to be paid to the Preservation Fund of the Town of Red Hook.

B) The purpose of the Town Board is to manage the Town of Red Hook in many aspects, but not to be in the real estate business.

- The Transfer tax was used by the town to help fund the purchase of the Cookingham property East and West a total of approximately 215 acres with a purchase price of approximately \$5.5 million.

- We recently learned that the Town Board is considering selling or perhaps already sold 12 acres to RUPCO, for possibly \$167,000 for the proposed construction of 40 or so housing units.

- The current administration did not ask residents for approval; they did not even hold public hearings.

- I believe the town board should consider managing the future of those two properties with revised zoning codes and deed restrictions etc. and then sell the properties putting them back on the tax roll for farming, housing, smart development, etc.

C) The supervisor's position should be returned to part time with a part-time salary. The salary originally was \$28,000 and was recently increased to \$58,000 possibly with additional benefits. Just because it takes the current supervisor more time to get his work done, does not mean it's a full-time job.

D) Town board meetings are held on the second Tuesday and the fourth Wednesday of each month. The town board meeting is open to the public.

We believe the meetings should be better advertised so that people know when they are scheduled and that the public is welcome to attend. For example, there should probably be a lawn sign, stating exactly when upcoming meetings are. There should be more advertising on social media, etc. with direct links to the upcoming meeting, agenda, etc.

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