

**By now, all households within the Town of Red Hook should have received the campaign letter and attachments from the Supervisor, Robert McKeon. And make no mistake, the mailing is a campaign letter curiously, and egregiously, sent under the guise of “town business” and at the expense of all taxpayers. For this, all recipients, whether you support the self-serving antics of the current Supervisor or not, should be appalled and demand a “to the penny” accounting of exactly what WE paid for his blatant self-promotion.**

**It is worth noting that during his first eight years as Supervisor, Robert McKeon has failed miserably at communicating with town residents. In that time, there have been no letters with “information and current events,” no reaching out to residents, until forced, to explain controversial spending and land purchase plans, and no prior notice that he was proposing a substantial raise for himself which, negative feedback from the community notwithstanding, was approved. To the contrary, access to the Town Hall, town business and town officials was limited or eliminated for a prolonged period of time, well beyond that of surrounding towns, under the premise of “health emergency.” Yet, suddenly, with two weeks until election day, we are graced with his version of “information and current events.”**

**In the four-page, front and back, campaign mailing dated October 23, 2023, which included glossy maps and artist renderings, Robert McKeon also included a two-page listing of “investments and savings” over the last eight years. Eight years! Coincidental to his tenure? Absolutely not. Rather, an intentional diatribe on what he sees as his personal accomplishments. Glaring omissions to the list include back-to-back property reassessments that virtually negated any “tax cut” touted, the inability, or unwillingness, to establish a true working committee for the development and meaningful use of the St. Margaret’s Home (where you’ll find one of his campaign signs), perceived conflicts of interest without recusals, the thousands spent on lawsuits, and continued interference with and issuance of stop work orders related to the development on Feller Newmark Road. Regarding the last item, Robert contends that issues raised by the developer are not the purview of the Town Board. That is laughable considering his two page list of “accomplishments,” many of which were not initiated by the Town Board, either, yet made the list of greatest hits.**

**The residents of the Town of Red Hook deserve to know the true cost to US for Robert’s campaign materials. In addition to the postage (\$.63 per mailing), cost of materials (i.e. paper, printing) and personnel hours spent on preparing and mailing. Surely, other town employees were utilized for this endeavor. Actions such as this are how the rich get richer. And it should come as no surprise that Robert McKeon is a very wealthy man.**

**Take note that the mailing includes a full paragraph and another two full pages regarding early voting and polling locations. By all means, refer to this information for how and where to finally elect new leadership for the Town of Red Hook, someone who truly has the best interests of the town at the forefront and not consistently devising new ways to enhance his own wealth and gains. Let’s end the reign of Robert McKeon!**