

Questions Remain About Holland Sporting Club Demolition

Media articles about the Town's handling of the Holland Sporting Club demolition project have raised a host of questions. As taxpayers, we're entitled to answers.

About the debris

1. Why wasn't **ALL** the debris removed in July? Was it because the Town only wanted to spend \$30,000 to dispose of the debris — and it turned out that there was a lot more debris than the Town originally estimated? (*The Town had an outside professional estimate that the job would require approximately 100 dumpsters; the Town only used 48.*)
2. Since receiving the March 17 DEC Notice of Violation, how many **ADDITIONAL** tons of debris have been dug up and disposed of — and at what cost?
3. To date, has **ALL** the buried debris been dug up and disposed of? If not, when will the cleanup be completed and how many more days will it take to finish the job? (*The DEC Notice of Violation states that the debris must be cleaned up in 90 days or else the Town is subject to penalties.*)
4. Has the DEC re-inspected the site and given the Town the green light to backfill the areas that have been dug up so far? Or, is the Town waiting until after it has removed **ALL** the buried debris before contacting the DEC?

About being “open and transparent” about the debris

5. When did the Supervisor first learn that the DEC had issues with the demolition job? If, as he told a reporter, “I was there when the DEC inspected it (the site),” why didn't he tell the Town Board members about the visit?
6. When was the first time the Supervisor learned of the March 17 Notice of Violation? The Violation Notice that was mailed to Highway Superintendent DiBartolo shows that a copy of the letter was sent to the Supervisor. Why did the Supervisor say he knew nothing about the Notice of Violation until a copy was hand delivered to him on April 2 — **after** the highway department had already begun to comply with the Notice of Violation?
7. Why weren't Town Board members notified about the March 17 DEC Notice of Violation?
8. When the cleanup is finished to DEC satisfaction, will the Supervisor give taxpayers a final — and complete — accounting of **ALL** the demolition expenses, including the cost of the additional disposal and the use of highway department workers for non-highway work both in July and again in March and April? (*Councilman Patel asked for this back in July but the information was never provided.*)
9. Why did highway department workers quickly leave the Holland Sporting Club site as soon as Councilman Patel and a reporter walked onto the site? Did they ever ask them to move to a different area away from where they were working?

10. When Councilman Patel returned to the site another day, why did highway department workers feel it necessary to call the police? If the workers were concerned about safety, why weren't they wearing their required protective gear? And did they ever ask Councilman Patel to move to a different area away from where they were working?

11. Before any fill from the Route 202 project is brought to the Holland Sporting Club site, will there be an approved site plan for modifications to the site? Will the Town need to get any permits?

Why has it been so difficult to get straight answers for so many basic questions?