

Public Comment
Sullivan County Legislature
Economic Development Committee
Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

I am Martha Scoppa from Liberty.

I did not plan to speak today, but there are three things that came to mind.

The first is that if any of you have not seen the [2024 Visitors Guide](#), take a look. It's really good. It has so much information in it on so many aspects of what's going on in Sullivan. From the Visitors Association. Check it out.

Then I have a kind of meeting format question and I am not aiming this at you, Matt, but everybody. Sometimes when I don't come to a meeting, I watch it at home. The agendas don't mention who will be speaking, and often the chairmen don't introduce the person at all or maybe by first name, and sometimes people come up and don't say who they are. So, if you are not in the know or cannot remember who people are, and you are just watching it at home, you don't know who said what. I think there could be a better way of formatting meetings, by asking people to identify themselves or, as chair, introducing people not just with first name, but last name. It's almost like an education for the people who are listening.

And number three is civility. It was a big issue with the last legislature. It was at times unbearable - loud voices, interruptions, and pointing fingers. This has been so much better, but today was very discouraging and, I think, a real step backwards.

Thank you.