

Public Comment: Special Meeting County Legislature 8/8/2024

1. Have Co. Attorney assess jeopardy from Infinite Care Actions while County remains the SCACC owner of record and what options to deal with issues such as default by IC on \$9,000,000 owes to the County, etc.
2. **Careful** Re-Assessment of Dangerous Downside to W to E.

I have heard that some Legislators refer to members of the Public who address this Board on behalf of saving and restoring the SCACC, as Care Center people. If true, that is an accurate label for me, as I am here to speak as an advocate for rescuing and returning the SCACC to its pre-Infinite Care, not-for-profit excellence and service to Sullivan County residents, et al. To that end, I feel it would be prudent for County Legislators to have a report from the County Attorney that 1. Assesses, draws up and present to the Legislature, what damages and liabilities the County as owner of record might incur, from some inappropriate action and/or mismanagement by the currently appointed “consultants” of Infinite Care, and 2. Have the County Attorney assess, review and draw up contingency alternatives and plans to deal with the ramifications of Infinite Care’s failing to secure a required Certificate of Need and /or reneging on the approximately \$9,000,000(+/-) they currently owe to the County. These two precautionary actions could help the County be prepared to deal with any eventuality, and save both County and SCACC residents from unnecessary hardship and expense.

On another equally urgent matter, I implore County Legislators to hear from an alternative, unbiased source of information before electing to go with any kind of Waste to Energy garbage proposal scam. You cannot in good conscience, or in due diligence, take the assessment of a waste to energy option, from a company whose business it is to promote their process strictly for their own profit, without regard to crippling pollution, at exorbitant cost, and oh by the way no demonstrable, sustainable proof that the system does anything but befoul the air land and water anywhere around the facility. You end up with a toxic sludge you can’t use or bury to be rid of it. Not another Hughs waste fiasco!

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