

Good morning. I don't think anyone was surprised that Mr. Doherty's team of loyal supporters voted for him to remain Chair of this legislature last week, because they have almost always lined up squarely to stand in his shadow no matter what, for the last almost four years. I do take issue with their passing the responsibility for their decisions to the voter when it is theirs alone. The taxpayers do not vote to decide who is the Chair. They could have made a statement that they don't support his behavior by removing him as Chair, since the voters only voted for him to be one of nine legislators. A jury unanimously convicted Mr. Doherty of defaming his fellow legislator, but he continues to portray himself as the victim on various media platforms. There has been no public apology from him to Mr. Alvarez or Ms. Brown. A person who does not respect the rule of law should not be the chair of the highest board in our county. It's interesting to watch Mr. Conklin, Salamone and Brooks continue to support him, probably against their own best interests, given the upcoming election. Why do they do it? Looking back on the last four years, it's pretty much all that they do.

Mr. Brooks, in particular, appears to be himself no respecter of law, since he has been ignoring the bylaws of his own Broadband LDC for the last two years. Those bylaws are on the LDC's webpage for all to see. No documented meetings for the last two years, no meeting minutes, no board attendance, no resolutions, no approvals by a quorum of board members, no annual meetings as required, no filling of board vacancies, no new agendas, or any public accountability whatsoever besides a long verbal report full of praise and excuses for himself. He did not mention anybody else on the board. It must be nice to be the bestie of Mr. Doherty so that you are free to do whatever you please regardless of those silly bylaws. I read the agreement between Archtop Fiber and Sullivan County that Mr. Brooks and Mr. Potosek hailed as a great triumph, and it doesn't really commit Archtop to anything. It's signed by Michelle and an Archtop exec.. Sullivan County is nowhere on the Archtop Fiber website, which contains a map of the territories they plan to expand to, and Sullivan County is mentioned nowhere in the Archtop Fiber News. The agreement didn't go through any board approval, since there were no LDC meetings, and there was no legislative approval either in any resolution or committee. Let's not even talk about Open Meeting Laws. Everything that LDC has supposedly done this year is illegal.