



A Message Concerning the Dolomite Land Donation:

Fact: The Town has dumped leaves on the Dolomite land Donation Property for two years with the excuse it is temporary storage. That's not dumping? When in fact, they actually waste more time, fuel, and man hours to transport it to temporary storage and pick it up to transport it again.

Fact: They already admit to wanting resident and contractor brush drop off, leaf composting and brush recycling on the land plus a stormwater pond which can breed insects. That sounds like dumping, doesn't it?

Fact: The Town asked for the land donation with the intent of a park and highway department way back in 2020, despite what they said at the informational meeting in July 2023. This was all set in motion years ago. The idea of a Dolomite Park was a way to entice Dolomite to make the donation.

Fact: The Town asked for the land donation without the Town Board approving the Request. The Town Board approved Accepting the donation, only after Dolomite was asked to delay the actual donation by one month, to make it appear that the town accepted the plan before it was actually donated.

Fact: The town is letting the maintenance of the existing highway department decline. They are barely maintaining it. There has been no actual study done to show that a new highway department needs to be built. Only the opinion of the town who are letting it slowly decline.

Fact: The town already owns their existing property and could easily rebuild their highway department there. They are grandfathered into the property, own the land, have the permits and utilities necessary to do it. They have most of the funds necessary to do this project without building a multimillion dollar extravaganza just to compete with the other towns they are basing their comparison on. Unless, their goal is: My highway department is bigger than yours..... which seems to be the case.

Fact: Currently, there are at least nine other available land sites in Gates besides the existing Highway Department, that could easily support another facility, which they have not investigated. They don't need 20 acres, when 6.5 is doing the job. The Town of Gates is not getting any bigger and the winters have been getting milder.

Fact: They have already spent more than \$40,000 in plans for a Highway Department at the Dolomite property, without even looking at other possibilities and give no answers about this when asked. "Just exploring". But they offer no other investigations when suggested or asked.

Fact: The just published Town comprehensive Budget calls for \$20 million for a highway department in year 2029. The town hired a planning assistant for public works this year, but has not given any facts what they are planning.

Fact: This Highway Department plan may eventually destroy the Residential Area with people moving out, and the increased traffic alone may destroy the Hinchey neighborhood itself.

Fact: Gates is not getting any bigger and does not need an expanded highway department. But it needs some good leaders.