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To: Honorable Mayor Kyle Roddey, Village of Goshen, New York

Rg: CINAQ introduction and request for CINAQ officers to visit 1 Craigville Rd, Goshen, NY 10924

*Mission Statement.* Ancient quarries represent a very poorly understood cultural resource which house an exhaustive volume of information concerning technological change and advancement of early peoples occurring throughout different periods of prehistory. These types of cultural resources are architectural remains of geologic origin. Mathematical skills, as well as an understanding of basic physics and classical mechanics, were employed by early peoples in the development of this stationary resource across the landscape. Therefore, prehistoric quarries preserve the fossilized remains of an intellectual endeavor that indexes the degree of technological advancement of various groups of human beings in prehistoric times.

The Center for the Investigation of Native and Ancient Quarries (CINAQ) aims to educate the public and scientific communities on the existence of ancient quarries; their importance to the culture history of the region; how to research them if preservation is a goal; and if preservation is not an option, how to conduct respectful and valid scientific mitigation in the face of modern-day development. CINAQ fills an educational and research need by reaching out to local, regional and interregional public and scientific communities. CINAQ has applied to the New York State Department of Education for Charter status. Our application was submitted in the late summer of 2011 and we have just returned to the Office of Cultural Education our Cultural Agency Profile. We expect to hear shortly on the status of our preliminary Charter.

*Interest and Plans.* Our interest in the building at 1 Craigville Rd, Goshen, NY 10924 is as a museum and research center. CINAQ is first and foremost an educational and research entity. As an educational institution, we have an interest in a building in which we can have a space to display exhibits, have a space to provide lectures and possibly classes/short courses, and a base of operations to conduct outreach. As a research institution, we are interested in a building in which we can provide a library and working space to researchers interested in ancient mines and quarries, as well as to provide a permanent home for our excavated and collected materials. In a more practical sense, I pioneered prehistoric quarry research during the mapping phase of my doctoral dissertation in the Wallkill River Valley. Goshen rests within the Wallkill River Valley and is outlined by a number of significant Native American quarry districts, providing a central location to the resource.

*Funding Sources.* While CINAQ is in its nascent stage, we will search for funding from mining and aggregate companies, private funding, private foundations, Federal grants (Department of the Interior, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Historical Publications and Record Commission, National Park Service, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program, Computers for Learning), and New York state grants (Documentary Heritage Program; New York Council for the Humanities; New York

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MEMO

TO: Dennis P. Caplicki, Esq.  
Douglas Bloomfield, Supervisor

FROM: David Murphy, Esq. 

RE: Al Turi Landfill, Inc. v. Town of Goshen  
2013 Valuation Issues  
Our File No. 4166/5038.000

DATE: April 2, 2012

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Dear Dennis and Douglas:

As a result of the Second Judicial Department's recent adjudication of our appeal, which covers all assessment years up to and including 2009, our current year of 2012 is the third year of a statutory freeze (RPTL §727) against assessment increases, absent a Town-wide revaluation or some other exceptional event which would make the freeze inoperable.

As the Town Board has deferred implementation of its contemplated Town-wide revaluation program until at least 2013, I believe the Town Board should consider authorizing Coyle, Lynch & Company to provide it with a brief "trend up" report which would give JoAnn Soules their expert advice on what a fair valuation for the landfill and the landfill related parcels is as of July 1, 2012 (uniform valuation date for 2013 assessment purposes). The last valuation date upon which the Coyle opinion was expressed was July 1, 2008 for 2009 assessment purposes.

I make this recommendation for three reasons:

1. Given the notoriety and political sensitivity surrounding this case, I believe it is good politics to allow our retained experts – whose methodological decisions were vindicated by the Appellate Court – to advise JoAnn Soules on appropriate 2013 valuations.