

Attn: Ethic Committee

Thank you for requesting additional information regarding my complaint. Please refer to the written comments presented at the 2-2-22 Selectman's Meeting in addition the the email attached to this email. Please note that my involvement in addressing this issue was the result of a public request inside of planning Board meeting where Mrs. Rice and I were asked to do something. We did, got the State to consider a simple Feasibility Study on State property over which the Town has absolutely no control or input, only tangential suggestions.

The behavior of Selectman Gagnon, supposedly acting as a private citizen, but making reference to his position and signing the email as a Selectman brings this issue before the Ethics Committee. I have some understanding of your task, having served some terms on the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee for the General Court.

Upon using his title in the signature block Selectman Gagnon negated any earlier disavowal as speaking as a private citizen. Indeed, in the very first sentence he identified himself as a "sitting Hudson NH selectman". One cannot both speak as a citizen and identify as a Selectman of a governing body except incidentally. Members of the General Court have been reprimanded for such actions.

The comments in the attached email are slanderous and defamatory. They were also false as the Selectman in any community speaks for the administration of the community, not for the people. He is falsely making a claim that neither I nor Ms Rice speak for the people. A brief check of vote tally would suggest that both I and Mrs. Rice garnered substantially more votes at the most recent election than the good Selectman ever received.

The good Selectman talks about the Circumferential Highway in his email, which was never a topic of discuss per se, it was mentioned only tangentially to identify the location regarding the need for a feasibility study. Once one reads past the section of the email dealing with what the good Selectman claims he has done for himself, The Selectman urges the Public Works Committee "disregard" anything I had to say. The good Selectman seems to forget that a sitting Representative has every right, just as any other citizen, to be heard. No Selectman can demand that another citizen be silenced or disregarded. If the good Selectman wishes to disagree with a position that literally hundreds of persons have presented then he is welcome to make an argument.

The good Selectman stated that I acted with "devious intentions" and "back door negotiations." the good Selectman goes on the say, as if he was privy to my personal emails, constituents were quite aggravated. That is interesting to find out as a huge number of people stop me on the street, at Suzies, Cookies, Market Basket, Hannaford's and the Post Office expressing quite an opposite point of view. That is, as you know, a matter of personality and for the good Selectman to state with unwarranted certitude is merely a tool to intimidate and defame.

► The good Selectman, in his email, attempted to intimidate me as a State elected official in my job with false statements and implied threats. Those have been referred to the appropriate authorities at the State level.

The following complaints are issued in my role as a resident of Hudson and member of a town board and are not covered by the general exemption from slander offered to *ad hominem* attacks made to an elected official:

- ▶ The good Selectman, in his email, attempted to intimidate me as a member of a Town Board (Planning Board). His language clearly was designed to force a change in my voting pattern and restrict my independent voice.
- ▶ The good Selectman, in his email, abused and disparaged a volunteer on a Town Board over which he has administrative jurisdiction in a public document.
- ▶ The good Selectman made false, unsubstantiated statements regarding my conduct on the Planning Board regarding traffic Studies in a clear effort to defame my character as a Town volunteer.
- ▶ The good Selectman made slanderous remarks regarding a citizen of the Town.
- ▶ The good Selectman went on a wide rampage discussing a topic that was not even under consideration in an attempt to disparage two sitting Representatives.
- ▶ The good Selectman demonstrated a profound disregard for civility, honesty and To defame and disparage myself and Mrs. Rice is appalling.
- ▶ The good Selectman, in his email, demonstrated a profound lack of knowledge of traffic studies, NHDOT reports and Nashua Regional Planning Commission studies and then defamed and disparaged a town subordinate with apparent attempt to intimidate that subordinate who is tasked by law to use independent judgement.

Respectfully;

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