

Mike Ivino's Comments Regarding Dumping Foreign Debris in Saugerties

As a 25-year native resident to Saugerties, I have never witnessed something so horrendous as the mess Mr. Karolys has brought to our town. Friendly Saugerties is becoming less and less friendly as some have voiced in a recent town board meeting. Why has this issue gotten as far as it has? Why is Mr. Karolys still operating the way he is? It seems to me that our town board (some) have been pretty lax on this subject and is not taking it to the next level it should be taken to. My first encounter with this mess was when the Centerville Fire District was dispatched for a tractor trailer rollover on Goat Hill Rd.

What was found when members arrived was a tractor trailer on its side on site of Mr. Karolys property. As a member of the Centerville Fire District I got to see some of what was just the beginning of this horrible plan Mr Karolys had in mind. At the time some of us had no idea what we were coming in contact with. Now it is a constant worry that we have a steady stream of trucks running 212 and tight backroads everyday and this may happen again and we will have to deal with it. I took some time on a rainy Sunday last week to look at each of Mr. Karolys sites he's been filling with nasty material. I also got to meet Mr. Karolys first hand. He had no answers for the questions I had other than, "I am just trying to make money and no one will leave me alone." Where is your respect for your neighbors and the environment you are destroying? What I witnessed was very disturbing while passing by his properties and dump sites. His trucks leak oils everywhere

leaving rainbows all over, they're tracking mud and unidentified materials into town, county, and state roadways creating very treacherous road hazards when wet. He is destroying the newly-paved 212 highway where his trucks enter and leave the roadway. The worst part is he's filling our ecosystem with unidentified material that could be harmful to everyone. We can not let this go any further. This has to stop. The impact this could have on surrounding properties will be long-lasting and devastating to the environment. I call on our current town board and its officials who can stop this or at least make sure it is properly and safely regulated, to keep the pressure on and make this a priority for the health and safety of our town and its residents. Time to clean up your act Karolys!

The photos show the Tractor Trailer rollover, oil spots on Goat Hill Rd, Mud and debris on Route 212 and Goat Hill Rd, and oil slick in runoff water on Goat Hill Rd which also shows a total lack of requirements set forth by the NYSDEC and its section for Storm water discharge from construction activities. There is a community forum on this topic this Tuesday 7PM at the Saugerties High School Auditorium.