

## **Paul Andreassen** — *Concerned About the Environment Then and Now*

Paul Andreassen does not have to prove his environmental bona fides to anyone. He's been an environmental steward for this town all his life. As building inspector from 1996 to 2006, long before some of the candidates running for office were ever involved and before some of their supporters were born, Mr Andreassen practically single handedly went up against the candle factory on King's Highway and, after long months of court battles, successfully had the company shut down for unsafe operating practices and a plethora of building and fire code violations. Where was the town board then? By his actions he may have prevented more deaths (there was one death attributed to operating after the closure was ordered by then Supreme Court Justice Vincent Bradley). Not only were they cited for code violations but for polluting the air and groundwater as well. Where were the candidates then? Where was Mr. Costello? Although serving on the town board at the time, was Mr. Costello

busy building his apartment complexes and working at his parents' restaurant? He was not at the hearings while Mr. Andreassen was being grilled by the company's counsel on cross examination.

That's the type of person Paul Andreassen was and will be as our Town's next supervisor; a staunch supporter of due process and a steward of the land, not someone looking for photo opportunities or headlines at the expense of others. Vote November 5th for Paul Andreassen.

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