

I would like to read a brief bit of the March 23rd *Dryden Courier* into the record and ask the Board a few quick questions about it.

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[George Szlasa, who was foreclosing on the golf course,] was stunned the town did not make a bid, he said, because he knew exactly what the supervisor was authorized to bid.

"My attorney told me," he said.

Szlasa's attorney and the town's attorney are the same man, Mahlon Perkins, whose own house overlooks the golf course, sharing the same magnificent view of Dryden Lake with Hammond Hill in the background.

Perkins is out of town this week, but Trumbull said, "he's legal. He really is. A lot of people have asked about it."

Trumbull said questions have come up regarding Perkins' role, but nothing appeared compromised. Perkins, he said, attended executive sessions in which the purchase price was discussed, but had recused himself from participation.

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If Town Attorney Mahlon Perkins recused himself from this sale, what legal counsel did the town retain to advise it, and why was Perkins in the room for this discussion?

What steps does the Board plan to take now to ensure that information which is supposed to be shared with the public is public, and information that is supposed to be confidential remains confidential?

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