

☐ Preserve our voting rights (2/23/06)

☐ The Gardiner town board voted 5-0 to pass a sole appointed assessor law. Now Matt Bialecki justifies this administrations poking it's thumb in the eye of town residents, who voted overwhelmingly to keep the assessor position elected, by stating the town faces a crisis. This administration knew in September 2005 that Minke Kwak, town assessor was going to retire effective December 2005 with two years remaining on her term as assessor. This administration chose to keep Kwak's leaving a secret from all including the members of their own political party. Then to further complicate matters this administration in October 2005 decided to cut the allocation to only 500.00 for each of the other two assessor positions, thereby ensuring no one would be interested in running. Those decisions have left Gardiner without an assessor and now the board regardless of how the residents voted has according to supervisor Zatz decided it is in the best interests of Gardiner to appoint a sole assessor. Maybe in the future this board will just suspend voting rights in November because after all they know far better than the voters what is best for Gardiner.

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